

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a small group of tennis club members met at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City on May 21, 1881, to form the world's finest national governing body for tennis: the United States National Lawn Tennis Association. The name was shorted in 1975 to the current United States Tennis Association (USTA). From 1881 to present, the USTA has been a vital part of many changes that have grown and shaped tennis both at the professional and grassroots level; and

WHEREAS, in tennis terms, Gary Heatwole is a late bloomer who has spent the past three-plus decades making up for lost time. After taking up the game at the relatively advanced age of 25, Gary quickly developed a deep and abiding love for tennis, which led him to pursuing a teaching career; and

WHEREAS, in December 1975, Gary accepted a job with the City of Ormond Beach where he remained for over 30 years, becoming Tennis Coordinator at the Ormond Beach Tennis Center and a beloved tennis icon in the City of Ormond Beach; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, he began volunteering his time with USTA Florida to advance his knowledge and grow the City's Tennis Program. He spent time working as a verifier for regional, sectional, and national tournaments and eventually becoming head section verifier. Gary has served on the USTA NTRP Committee and USTA Florida League Committee and assisted as section tournament director and NTRP observer at various national tournaments; and

WHEREAS, getting involved in tennis has been a source of true fulfillment for Gary Heatwole, who was recently awarded one of the highest awards that can be bestowed by USTA Florida, the 2010 USTA Florida Male Merit Award;

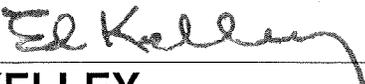
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2011, as a day to recognize

GARY HEATWOLE

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in recognizing Gary Heatwole for his lifelong achievement and receiving the 2010 USTA Florida Male Merit Award.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven.





ED KELLEY
Mayor