

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1961, Ormond Beach Junior High opened at 151 Domicilio Avenue, Ormond Beach, on 29 acres with 148 junior high students in grades 7, 8 and 9. The school had one wing of classrooms, a small cafeteria, and a very small office complex. Andrew Romano was the principal from its founding through 1986. Ormond Beach Junior High quickly became recognized as one of the best junior high schools in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Ormond Beach Junior High joined the transformation of other junior high schools in Volusia County and became Ormond Beach Middle School (OBMS) in 1990 serving grades 6, 7, and 8. From 1987 through 2003, the principals were Verla Blair, Christopher Colwell, Barbara Murray, William Hall, Roben Smith, and William Walden respectively, as the school's enrollment and reputation continued to grow. In 2004, Carl Persis became the principal and the school's enrollment peaked at 1,787 students. In 2005, OBMS split its enrollment with the newly opened David Hinson Middle School; and

WHEREAS, OBMS has earned the grade of A from the Florida Department of Education for nine years, the Five Star School Award for six consecutive years, the Silver Star Award for 12 years, and the Golden School Award for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, OBMS continues to have wonderful support from parents, businesses, a thriving School Advisory Council, and an active Parent Teacher Student Association; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, plans began for a *new* Ormond Beach Middle School to be built on the same campus and construction started in 2007, and will be completed in 2012; and

WHEREAS, this year, OBMS celebrates 50 years of excellence and invites all former students, staff, parents, and community members to take a walk down memory lane;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2011, as

ORMOND BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me to support OBMS and to encourage our youth to become the best that they can.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 14th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor