

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since July 4, 1776, Americans have experienced freedom's power to overcome tyranny, inspire hope in times of trial, and turn the creative gifts of men and women to the pursuits of peace. Americans live in freedom because of the enduring power of our ideals. In the midst of World War II, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt reminded our troops that our nation believes in the "*right to liberty under God—for all peoples and races and groups and nations, everywhere in the world.*" (President George Bush, July 4, 2005); and

WHEREAS, America faces a daunting set of challenges, yet our history shows these are not insurmountable. We only need to draw upon the perseverance of those before us—our Founders who declared and fought for their ideals; our ancestors who emigrated here and struggled to build a better future for their children; and our pioneers and entrepreneurs who blazed trails that have continually expanded our horizons. Their spirit—*our spirit*—will guide our Nation now and in our bright future. (President Barak Obama, July 4, 2010); and

WHEREAS, the spirit of our nation is strong. The freedoms our forefathers won for us, endure. We still stand for freedom throughout the world, which is why immigrants still come to America. We have 235 years of history behind us, and today, a new generation of Americans continues to defend our nation and spread freedom. (Ronald Reagan, July 4, 1984); and

On this Fourth of July, we honor the brave men and women of our military, and their families, and we express our gratitude for their courage, dedication to duty, and love of country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim Monday, July 4, 2011, as

INDEPENDENCE DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all citizens and visitors alike to join with me on this day as we celebrate Independence Day in Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond Beach, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 4th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven.



Ed Kelley

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Mayor