

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, for four decades Foster Grandparents have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and

WHEREAS, each year Florida Senior Programs' Foster Grandparents provide opportunities for nearly 400 older Americans across Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Volusia, and Flagler counties, to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, Foster Grandparent volunteers provide more than 318,000 hours of service each year to 2,500 special needs children, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable children and strengthening our educational system; and

WHEREAS, Foster Grandparent volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 100 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community organizations; and

WHEREAS, at a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges; and

WHEREAS, service by older Americans volunteers helps by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Foster Grandparent Recognition, taking place during National Senior Corps Week, celebrates the programs' presence in this community for 40 years, and presents an opportunity to thank Foster Grandparent volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2012, as

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all citizens to recognize Foster Grandparent volunteers for their valuable impact on our communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 7th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor