

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Richard Stanley Petkovsek decided to become a Law Enforcement Officer because he wanted a career where he could help people and make a difference. He has been a police officer with the City of Ormond Beach since July 2008; and

WHEREAS, Richard joined the Florida Army National Guard in September 2003. He was deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, in January 2010, where he served as an executive officer for A company, 53rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion. Their mission was to be ready to respond to any emergency within 15 minutes anywhere on the base 24 hours a day, whereby their unit conducted over 1,000 patrols. Richard was in charge of the unit's maintenance program consisting of approximately 30 armored vehicles, the weapons system, and supply system. He also served the unit as Safety Officer, Equal Opportunity Officer, Physical Training Officers, and Morale Welfare Recreation Officer; and

WHEREAS, Captain Petkovsek recently returned to employment following a one-year deployment and currently serves as a Captain for the 53rd Special Troops Battalion in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, we gratefully acknowledge that we live in freedom today because of the many sacrifices that have been made, and are still being made, by valiant servicemen such as Captain Petkovsek, who continues to serve his country as a member of the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Captain Petkovsek lives in Palm Coast with his wife, Yaritza, and children, eight-year old John and five-month old Michael. His interests include coaching his son's little league baseball team, playing softball, and enjoying movie night with his wife;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2012, as a day to pay tribute to

RICHARD S. PETKOVSEK

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me to commend Richard Petkovsek for his service to our country and welcome him back to our city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor