

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, is a patriotic day to honor American soldiers who have given their lives to honor their country. The first Decoration Day was observed on May 30, 1868, for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country; and

WHEREAS, from the opening battles of the American Revolution through the turmoil of the Civil War, to World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, to the Persian Gulf, and today's operations in the war on terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world, the members of our military have built a tradition of honorable and faithful service. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember the more than one million Americans who have died to preserve our freedom, the more than 140,000 citizens who were prisoners of war, and all those who were declared missing in action. We also honor our veterans for their dedication to America and their willingness to pay the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, this great country surrendered its bravest to liberate the oppressed and ensure freedom for its citizens and future generations. These men and women placed God and country before their own personal safety and pledged themselves to the continuation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans and should be recognized as defenders of our freedom on all fronts, domestic and foreign. We gratefully acknowledge that we live in freedom today because of the many sacrifices that have been made, and are still being made, by our valiant servicemen and women and pray that the day will come when freedom and liberty will prevail without the need for their ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, lest we forget or our memories dim, we commemorate veterans on this special day set aside to honor their actions and sacrifices for their country;

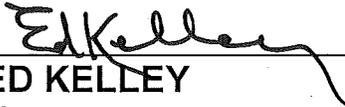
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 28, 2012, as

MEMORIAL DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all citizens and visitors alike to join with me on this day as we remember, recognize, and offer our gratitude for our servicemen and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice and show respect to our veterans in attending the 21st annual Memorial Day remembrance on Monday, May 28, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in Rockefeller Gardens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 28th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.




ED KELLEY
Mayor