

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, classroom teachers are the cornerstone of our educational system and one such teacher at Pine Trail Elementary School, Ms. Meri Albert, inspired her second grade gifted class to learn more; and

WHEREAS, the class of 18 students visited Central Park on April 6 to begin a *Central Park Plant Identification Project*, beginning their research at the south end of the raised boardwalk and identifying over 20 items along the path. The students used trundle wheels to measure where each predetermined item was located, taking pictures of plants, trees, and wildlife, and writing a brief description of the items that they discovered; and

WHEREAS, back in the classroom, the students put together information based on their digital collections and written characteristics of the items in order to scientifically identify each item collected. Through an internet search and process of elimination, they narrowed down the items to possibly identify each item correctly; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Albert created a PowerPoint presentation with a photo of each item and their narrowed down research results. On April 20 and April 26, the class invited the ten fifth graders and parents who chaperoned the field trip to the classroom for an "in-house field trip" to present their scientific findings; and

WHEREAS, the students also had the pleasure of presenting a PowerPoint presentation to the Leisure Services staff and Danny Young, a botanist from Zev Cohen & Associates. Mr. Young was able to explain to the students if their findings were correct and relate fun and interesting facts about the type of species the students discovered; and

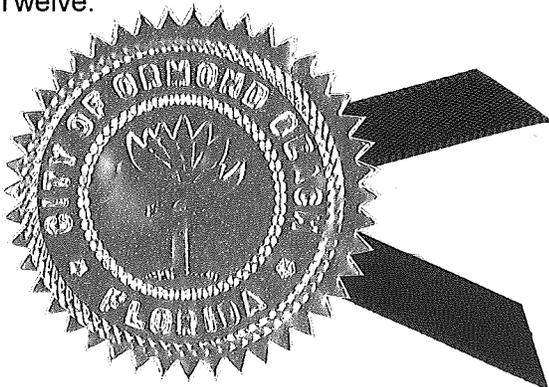
WHEREAS, the City of Ormond Beach recognizes that our children can be motivated, enthusiastic, and committed to learning through the efforts of teachers like Ms. Albert, who have set high expectations for her students and inspired them to excel through fun and interesting experiences, such as the *Central Park Plant Identification Project*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2012, as a day to recognize Ms. Meri Albert and her second grade class for their

CENTRAL PARK PLANT IDENTIFICATION PROJECT

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join in acknowledging Ms. Albert and these outstanding students.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 5th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor