

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on Independence Day, we remember names like Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Franklin, and Hancock. Today, we honor their courage and vision. We are grateful that our Founders pledged their lives, and their sacred honor to create an independent America. And we are thankful that this Nation under God is still free, independent, and America is a place of freedom and opportunity. We are caring for neighbors in need and generous to the sick and struggling. We are a strong, decent, and good-hearted country. All of us are blessed to be citizens of the United States and are proud to call America our home. (President George Bush, July 4, 2004); and

WHEREAS, it is up to us to preserve the freedom that so many brave Americans risked their lives to secure. It is up to us to realize our country's highest ideals of justice, equality, and human dignity. It is up to us to reject the forces of hatred that would seek to divide us and instead embrace our common humanity and the values, history, and heritage we share as Americans. Our nation's journey to form a more perfect union is far from over; but, strengthened by our Founders' vision and inspired by our children's dreams, we are sure to reach our destination. (President Bill Clinton, July 4, 2000); and

WHEREAS, on this day, we also remember that during our most defining moments, it was the brave and selfless men and women in uniform who defended and served our country with honor--waging war so that we might know peace; braving hardship so that we might know opportunity; and at times, paying the ultimate price so that we might know freedom. This service--the service of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen--makes our annual celebration of this day possible. This service proves that our founding ideals remain just as powerful and alive in our third century as a nation as they did on the first July 4 (President Barack Obama, July 4, 2009). This service guarantees that the freedoms we enjoy in the United States of America shall forever remain;

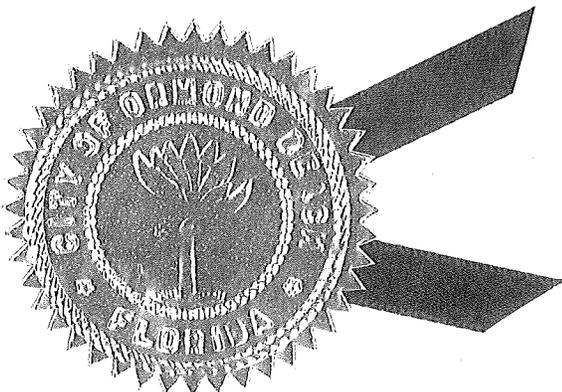
On this Fourth of July, we honor the brave men and women of our military, and their families, and we express our gratitude for their courage, dedication to duty, and love of country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 4, 2012, 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 Twelve.




ED KELLEY
Mayor