

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Edward T. "Ned" Kraft moved to Ormond Beach in 1971 and began a career with the City of Ormond Beach working in the Parks Department for 22 years as a gardener. In 1990, Ned became a Parks Department Supervisor until 1995, overseeing tree permits, landscaping inspection and acting as an arborist; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned began his *second* career job in Urban Forestry which ran from 1995 through 1998. In 1998, he was promoted to Sign Shop Operator where he completed his career. In 2004 and 2011, he received the "*Employee of the Quarter*" award; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned and his co-workers have made the Sign Shop a first-class operation with the ability to make any type of traffic sign, and they are solely responsible for the upgraded traffic sign computer program. Ned is always up to the task as no sign is too small or too big. He has recently completed the "*3 Steps to Personal Safety*" sign program that alerts and reminds residents that enjoy city facilities to lock their cars, take their keys, and secure their valuables; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned's expertise has touched many lives within the community and continues to do so. He is a go-getter that takes on any assigned job and completes that job on time and within budget. He puts his heart and soul in projects while taking in stride the formalities of government agencies. He embraces change because he knows change can improve Ormond Beach, and he is dedicated to making Ormond Beach the best it can be while striving to be on the cutting edge of his work environment and his profession; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned is involved in charities in the area, such as the American Heart Association and March of Dimes, as well as past president and vice president of the Antique Automobile Club of America where he organized local events for school age children and the community. In the past, he was responsible for organizing a citywide clean up in the parks. He volunteered with the Ormond Beach Fire Department from 1976 through 1989 and was tasked with the operations of the "*Jaws of Life*" apparatus, receiving a commendation for his professionalism during extreme accident conditions; and

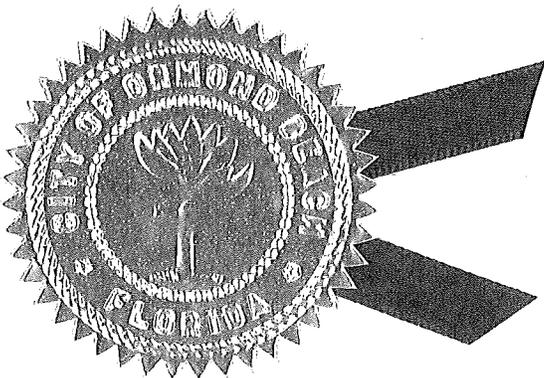
**WHEREAS**, it is with a heavy heart we say farewell to Ned, but as it has been said, "the best is yet to come" and we wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement years;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2012, as a day to recognize

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day as we recognize Ned Kraft for his service and dedication to Ormond Beach as we extend our admiration to him for a job well done!

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.



*Ed Kelley*  
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Mayor