

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Ormond Beach, Volusia County, Tomoka State Park and the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Corridor Management Entity, Inc., proudly announce the opening of the Tomoka State Park Trail Extension from Inglesa Avenue through the woods to the entrance of Tomoka State Park; and

WHEREAS, the trail is a beautiful, handicap accessible, paved trail extension winding through the amazing state park lands adjacent to the canopy road of North Beach Street/Old Dixie Highway leading to Tomoka State Park. This trail will open up to residents and visitors easy access in a safe off-the-road trail leading to and into Tomoka State Park, trails, picnic areas, historic sites and park amenities; and

WHEREAS, Tomoka State Park is an 1,800 acre Florida State Park located along the Tomoka River, three miles north of Ormond Beach on North Beach Street. Among the wildlife of the park are West Indian Manatee, American Alligator, and 160 species of birds. Seasonal birds of prey include the Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, and Northern Harrier. The park's wading birds include egrets, herons, wood stork and American White Ibis. Within the park is the site of the Timucuan village of Nocoroco, located on the Tomoka River, which was inhabited approximately a thousand years ago. It became a state park in 1945. On May 7, 1973, it was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. Activities include canoeing, boating, and fishing, as well as hiking, camping, picnicking, and wildlife viewing. The Fred Dana Marsh Museum features works by artist Fred Dana Marsh, as well as exhibits about the area's natural and cultural history. Other amenities include a one-half mile nature trail, boat ramp, five picnic areas, and 100 campsites; and

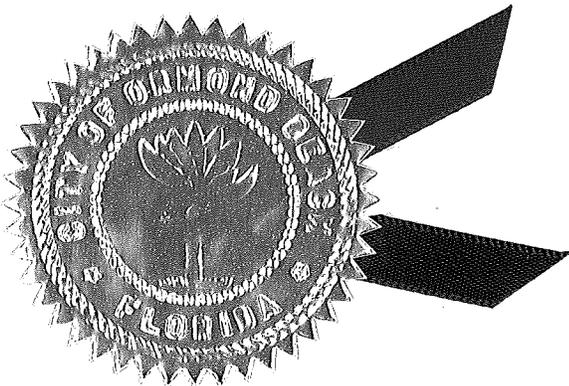
WHEREAS, the Tomoka State Park sidewalk project originated from the April 2007 Tomoka State Park Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Feasibility Study prepared by Reynolds Smith & Hill for the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization. The project was submitted through the MPO and FDOT for adoption into the Five Year Work Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2012, as a day to celebrate the ribbon cutting ceremony of the

TOMOKA STATE PARK TRAIL EXTENSION

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me in this wonderful addition to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the city of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 8th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor