

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in the summer of 1787, delegates from the States gathered in Philadelphia to build a new framework for our young republic. Our Constitution's framers represented diverse backgrounds, and on key issues, they were divided. Yet despite their differences, they courageously joined together in common purpose to create "a more perfect Union." After four months of fierce debate and hard-fought compromise, the delegates signed the Constitution of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than two centuries, the Constitution has presided as the supreme law of the land, keeping our leaders true to America's highest ideals and guaranteeing the fundamental rights that make our country a beacon of hope to all peoples seeking freedom and justice. Together with the Bill of Rights, our Constitution is the backbone of our government and the basis of our liberties. Even while retaining its structure, our founding document has grown with our Nation's conscience, amended over the years to extend America's promise to citizens of every race, gender, and creed  
*(The above is an excerpt from President Barack Obama's Constitution Day Proclamation, September 16, 2011); and*

**WHEREAS**, September 17, 2012, marks the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States. It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, as Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2012, as

## CONSTITUTION WEEK

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to reaffirm the ideals the framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.



*Ed Kelley*  
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**ED KELLEY**  
Mayor