

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public parks and lands provide for the critical "green" infrastructure that collectively enhances both community spaces and wild places making the great State of Florida the best place to live in the country; and

WHEREAS, local parks and recreation experiences enhance the citizens of Ormond Beach quality of life by contributing to a healthy lifestyle, increasing communication skills, building self esteem, teaching life skills, and providing places for enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs, tournaments, and events boost the economy, enhance property values, attract new business, increase tourism, and reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, opportunity for recreation builds family unity, strengthens neighborhood involvement, provides for social interaction, enhances education, develops creativity, and promotes cultural diversity; and,

WHEREAS, Ormond Beach parks and trails ensure ecological beauty, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

WHEREAS, participation in recreation and outdoor activities provides education and therapy for stress relief, improved health, and are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have been ill or disabled; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ormond Beach recognizes the benefits derived from quality public and private park and natural land resources at the local and regional level; and

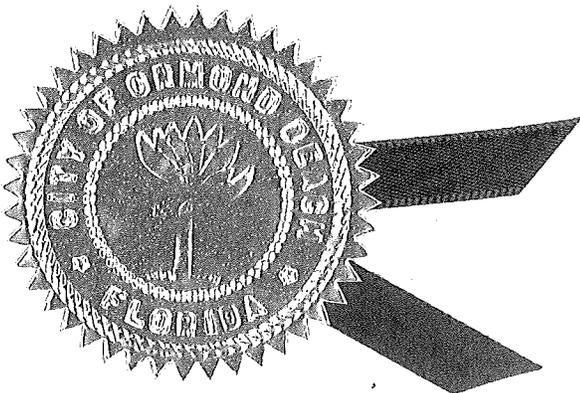
WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Park Association and the Florida Recreation and Park Association designate July as Parks and Recreation Month;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 2012 as

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourages residents and visitors to enjoy using the parks, trails, programs, and special places that enhance the quality of life of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 3rd day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.




ED KELLEY
Mayor