

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Harry Wendelstedt was regarded by baseball people as one of the game's most competent officials in history. He won worldwide acclaim for his work in five World Series, five All Star Games, and 11 Championship playoffs; and

WHEREAS, the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School is *the* premier umpire training program in the world providing formal supervised training for people to qualify for umpire positions in professional, college, high school, semi-pro, and sand lot baseball; and

WHEREAS, Harry retired in 1998 after 33 years as a National League umpire. He resided in the Ormond Beach area where he dedicated himself to professional umpire training; and

WHEREAS, Harry played an important role in the City's recreation programs for children by improving their quality of life and financially contributing towards various programs, having served for more than 14 years on the former Recreation Advisory Board and Leisure Services Advisory Board. He was one of the pioneers who first envisioned the possibility of providing soccer fields for the children of Ormond Beach. In 2008, the City of Ormond Beach named the baseball fields known as Mayor League Field #1, #2 and #3 the *Harry Wendelstedt, Jr. Baseball Fields* in recognition of Harry's major contributions to the City of Ormond Beach;

WHEREAS, the Leisure Services Department draped the sign located at the Harry Wendelstedt Jr. Baseball Fields as an expression of the sadness felt by everyone who knew and loved Mr. Wendelstedt; and

WHEREAS, Harry's zest for life and the way he lived it are legendary, but what he will be most remembered for by those who knew and loved him was his total devotion to the children of Ormond Beach; and

WHEREAS, Harry will be sorely missed by his family and friends, the citizens of Ormond Beach, and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim March 13, 2012, as a day to remember and honor

HARRY WENDELSTEDT, JR.

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day as we extend our sincere condolences to the family of Harry Wendelstedt.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 13th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.




ED KELLEY
Mayor