

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Eric Kenzik is a hometown boy who was born in Volusia County and attended elementary school at St. Brendan's in Ormond Beach, and high school at Father Lopez. He was an excellent student, a member of the National Honor Society, and a really good athlete. His two main sports were tennis and basketball; and

**WHEREAS**, by his junior year, Eric was 6'7" and had started receiving attention from numerous colleges regarding basketball. After visiting numerous campuses, he chose the United States Air Force Academy located in Colorado Springs where he played basketball in addition to the rigors of class work. He graduated in May 2008 as a Second Lieutenant and was accepted into the Pilot Training program, obtaining a waiver because of his height; and

**WHEREAS**, following graduation, Eric was stationed in Pensacola, Florida, for training. He received his wings and the coveted "Distinguished Flyer Award" and was promoted to First Lieutenant, assigned to fly the AC-130, known as "Spooky 2" with Special Operations. He has completed four deployments to date where he has been involved in the ongoing conflicts in Iran and Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Eric was promoted to Captain last year and celebrated his promotion ceremony in the combat zone while serving in Iraq;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2013, as a day to pay tribute to

## ERIC KENZIK

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me to commend Eric Kenzik for his service to our country and welcome him back to our city.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.



*Ed Kelley*  
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Mayor