

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country; and

**WHEREAS**, our parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ormond Beach recognizes the benefits derived from its parks and recreation resources;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 2013 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.



  
ED KELLEY  
Mayor