

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1904, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune embarked on a journey to transform the lives of young people, which evolved into today's prestigious Bethune-Cookman University; and

WHEREAS, Bethune-Cookman University has established a stellar reputation for preparing men and women for leadership and service, through a liberal arts education in a full range of academic programs including business, education, humanities, the sciences and nursing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edison O. Jackson is the sixth president of Bethune-Cookman University. After serving 11 months as interim president, Dr. Jackson accepted the presidency on March 20, 2013. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in administering the affairs of educational institutions, such as from his tenure at Medgar Evers College in New York, Compton Community College in California, and Essex County College in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson's vision is to provide a nurturing, learning environment where the scholars can deepen their understanding of what it takes to be humane, service-minded leaders in their professions, communities and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Bethune-Cookman University celebrated the inauguration of Dr. Edison O. Jackson on October 16, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2013 as

DR. EDISON O. JACKSON DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and call upon all Ormond Beach residents to join with me on this day in paying tribute to Dr. Edison O. Jackson;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 5th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.




ED KELLEY
Mayor