

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Elder Arzy Rogers was born on March 21, 1934, in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, to Deacon Clarence and Missionary Madie Rogers; and

**WHEREAS**, Elder Rogers earned his Bachelor of Theology Degree from the United Bible College and Seminary in Orlando, Florida, continuing his passion for learning at the Tree of Life Bible College in Daytona Beach, then graduating from the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, Georgia, and earning his Master of Theocentric Counseling at Calvary Christian University in Blaine, Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Elder Rogers enhanced his job skills at Bethune-Cookman, Nova University, and the University of Central Florida, working for many years as a Supervisor and Launch Critical Quality Assurance Inspector at the Kennedy Space Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Elder Rogers' other passion is music. He learned to play the guitar and harmonica when he was a boy and was offered the opportunity to play the harmonica professionally, but turned it down because of his love for God and the church. He composed and recorded the song, "*Buckle Up and Go*," which is the song recognized by NASA as the wake-up call for the astronauts. He still touches the souls of those who hear him play; and

**WHEREAS**, Elder Rogers has retired twice, but he is still just as busy now as he was many years ago, as he founded Agape Christian Ministries, Inc., serves at Helping Hands Ministries, participates in Concerned Organized Men in Action (COMA), Tree of Life Men's Ministry, Bridge Builders, and Black Heritage Festival Musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, Elder Rogers is married to Martha Rogers and the father of seven children, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grand children, as well as many nieces and nephews and people in the community that are just like family; and

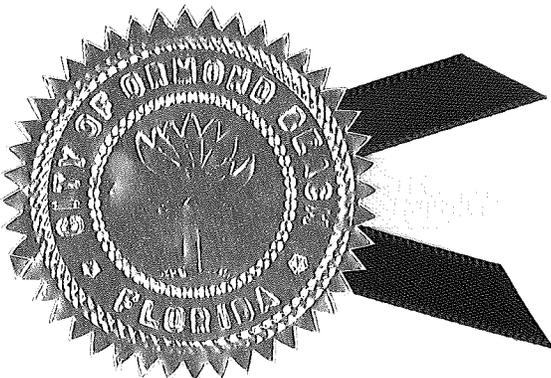
**WHEREAS**, Elder Rogers is 80 years "young" and celebrating with family and friends;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2014, as

## ELDER ARZY ROGERS DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me this day in tribute to Elder Rogers as he celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen.



*Ed Kelley*  
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Mayor