

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ormond Beach Police Athletic League (PAL), under the direction of Lisa Messersmith, with the assistance of Belinda Legut and Avery Randolph, has become an "Academic, Athletic, Achievement" organization with a goal of providing programs that give youth participants every chance to become successful individuals, educated and equipped with leadership skills, and some athletic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Edwards has been part of the Ormond Beach PAL program since he was eight years old. He has played on the PAL basketball team, been involved in the OBPAL Youth Directors Program, served on the State of Florida PAL Youth Advisory Council and Youth Conference Committee, where he still holds a seat as an Alumnus, attended the 2012 National PAL Leadership Academy held in Washington, D.C., and worked with Crime Prevention Officers during National Night Out, as well as serving the community through church service projects, a coastal and river cleanup, and collecting clothes to donate to the Domestic Abuse Council; and

WHEREAS, practice and dedication govern all the goals Marcus has accomplished and everything he still hopes to achieve. He has been a member of Mainland High School's basketball, football and track teams, served on the Homecoming Court, and has been a member of the Voice Ensemble, Link Crew and Men of Tomorrow. As a senior at Mainland, Marcus graduated with a grade point average of 4.0 and accomplished all these amazing things while working 18 hours a week at a Retirement Home serving the elderly and attending college classes at Daytona State College. He plans to continue his education at Florida Atlantic University studying Physical Therapy. His goal is to become a physical therapist and one day have his own Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, Marcus exemplifies the mission of PAL and is a young man with great potential and a future filled with opportunities. Nominees for the National PAL "Male Youth of the Year" award are expected to meet very stringent requirements, and Marcus without exception achieved them all; and

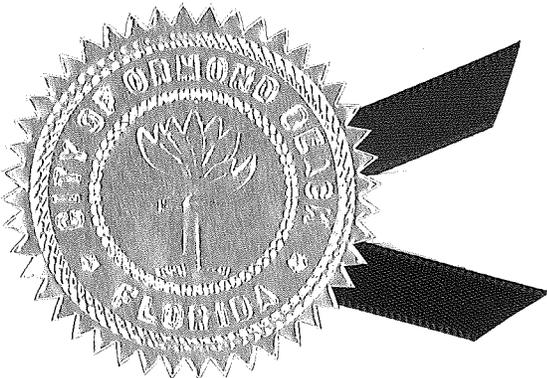
WHEREAS, the City of Ormond Beach is very proud of Marcus;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2014, as

MARCUS EDWARDS DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me this day in tribute to Marcus Edwards for the National PAL "Male Youth of the Year" for 2013 award and his service to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 7th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor