

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Florida Historical Marker Program recognizes historic resources, persons and events that are significant in the areas of architecture, archaeology, Florida history, and traditional culture by promoting the placing of historic markers and plaques at sites of historical and visual interest to visitors. The purpose of the program is to increase public awareness of the rich cultural heritage of the state and to enhance the enjoyment of historic sites in Florida by its citizens and tourists; and

WHEREAS, to qualify as a Florida Heritage Landmark a building, structure or site must be at least 50 years old and have regional or statewide significance in the areas of architecture, archaeology, Florida history or traditional culture, or be associated with an event of statewide or national significance that took place at least 50 years ago. The landmark should visibly retain those physical characteristics that were present during the period for which it or the associated person is significant; and

WHEREAS, built in 1913 by Reverend Dr. Harwood Huntington, The Casements was named for its casement-style windows. Retired Standard Oil tycoon, John D. Rockefeller, Sr., purchased it in 1918 as a winter residence. After his death in 1937, it was sold to Maud Van Woy, who transformed the building into The Casements Junior College from 1943-1951. It later became The Casements Manor, a secular retirement facility and transient hotel. The property then fell into an extended period of owner neglect and was finally abandoned. The Casements was saved by local citizens in the 1960's, and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, then purchased by the City of Ormond Beach in 1974, who restored it using a federal Economic Development Administration grant under the Local Public Works Act in 1978, reopening it in 1979 as The Ormond Beach Enrichment Center, a historical, educational and cultural facility also hosting community events. With the post-1918 additions removed, The Casements evokes the residence built by Reverend Dr. Huntington and purchased by John D. Rockefeller; and

WHEREAS, over the years funding was provided by a Volusia County ECHO grant and property taxes to renovate The Casements, now known as the "*Jewel of Ormond Beach*," and a thriving civic and cultural center for the whole community to enjoy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2014, to celebrate The Casements

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all citizens to join with me in celebrating the final event of The Casements Centennial Celebration, the Florida Historical Marker placement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 22nd day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen.




ED KELLEY
Mayor