

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Springs Police Officer Charles Kondek and Leon County Sheriff's Deputy Christopher Smith were recently killed in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, each loss of a law enforcement officer is heartbreaking, and losing two heroes in less than a month is a cry for peace and a signal to all Floridians to pray for our men and women in uniform who protect our communities each day; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's first responders include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMTs who bravely and selflessly risk their lives every day to protect Florida families, visitors, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's first responders do not hesitate to risk their own lives in order to save the lives of others, and their commitment to continued training, skill enhancement, and inter-agency coordination make them vital members of every Florida community; and

**WHEREAS**, acts of kindness and appreciation from citizens for first responders provide them needed encouragement and support to confront the dangerous and uncertain situations they face every day; and

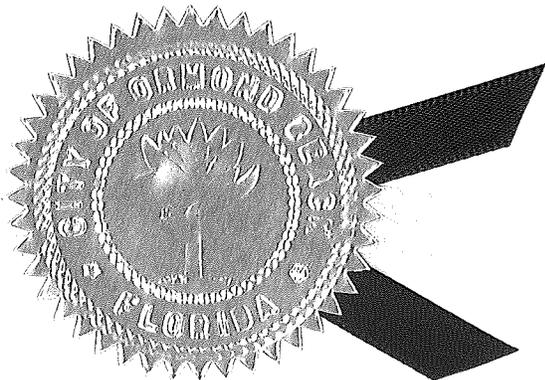
**WHEREAS**, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, has officially proclaimed January 5-9, 2015, as Florida First Responder Appreciation Week and encourages all Floridians to take time out of their day to show first responders and their families how much we value their service to our cities, counties, and state. Florida First Responder Appreciation Week will be an opportunity for Florida leaders at every level to demonstrate appreciation for all men and women who protect and serve our state as first responders;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 5-9, 2015, as

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in Ormond Beach, and encourage residents to say, "Thank you," to the first responders who keep them safe.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen.



*Ed Kelley*  
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Mayor