

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, reunions are special times for reuniting family and friends, introducing children to their unique heritage and history, and re-establishing life-long relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, the "I AM ORMOND BEACH" Reunion Committee has planned their seventh bi-annual community reunion honoring the legacy of Derrick Bell, celebrating with a cookout at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center and worshipping at the New Bethel AME Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Derrick Bell was a kid with a million dollar smile who simply made the day brighter. He was a leader at school as a member of the human relations council, student council, school orchestra, an honor roll student, captain of the football, track and basketball teams, and a member of St. Johns Baptist Church and Boy Scout Troop #408, along with helping his Mother take care of his four siblings. Derrick, who died of leukemia at age 16, was an inspiration to many people, leaving an indelible mark on the Ormond Beach community; and

**WHEREAS**, those celebrating the community reunion this weekend with grandparents, great-grandparents, parents, siblings, cousins, and friends, altogether are creating lasting memories, listening to stories of family history, and renewing the ties that bind them together;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 10-12, 2015, as

## DERRICK BELL DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in paying tribute to the memory of Derrick Bell and his family at today's reunion.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen.



*Ed Kelley*  
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**ED KELLEY**  
Mayor