

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Soroptimist, which means "*best for women*," is an international volunteer organization for women who wish to give back to their communities, as nearly 80,000 Soroptimists make a difference for women and girls in more than 120 countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the first Soroptimist club was formed in 1921 by a group of 80 women in Oakland, California, because women interested in volunteering in their communities were not permitted to join male service organizations. Since that time, the organization has worked to help women improve their standing in the world. As an organization of and for women, Soroptimist feels uniquely qualified to tackle the challenges facing today's women and girls, including poverty, domestic violence, and drug and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, in addition to cash awards, Soroptimist clubs identify ways in which they can best serve women in their communities, some have renovated rooms in domestic abuse shelters, or mentored women completing welfare to work programs, or provided computer training for low-income women, and others offer free mammograms to women who cannot afford them; and

WHEREAS, today's Charter Celebration Luncheon celebrates the newest Soroptimist International of the Greater Daytona Beach Area, serving the Ormond Beach, Daytona Beach and Holly Hill communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 29, 2015, as a day to recognize the

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in supporting the Soroptimist International for its service and dedication 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 29th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor