

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in the United States, a time when we reflect on the valuable contributions women make to our society, but before they can create history, a woman is a girl who is full of promise and potential; and

WHEREAS, all too many times in the state of Florida and here in Volusia County, we find at-risk girls that have experienced trauma. Of the 12,857 girls referred to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice last year, the majority of them were marked by trauma, physical and sexual violence, family instability, and failure in school; and

WHEREAS, a significant investment in prevention and intervention programs were created in order to help girls at risk. Organizations such as PACE Center for Girls, Florida's Department of Children and Families, Department of Education, Department of Health, and Department of Juvenile Justice recognize the unique needs of girls and are focused on helping these young women with the programs and services they need in order to be successful in life; and

WHEREAS, every girl in Florida deserves to learn and grow within a supportive institution that perpetuates a sense of purpose so that the girls may recognize their ability to contribute to not just the state of Florida, but to the world;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2016 as

BELIEVING IN GIRLS MONTH

in the City of Ormond Beach urging all residents to celebrate the work of the organizations serving the at-risk girls in our state who deserve a bright future that is blooming with opportunity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor