

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, J. David Walsh is a United States Navy veteran having served in Vietnam between 1969 and 1971 where he flew more than 150 combat missions as a bombardier-navigator in the A-6 "Intruder" aircraft; and

WHEREAS, J. David Walsh practiced civil litigation in private practice in Volusia County for 25 years before he was appointed to the bench in 2001 by Governor Jeb Bush; and

WHEREAS, Judge J. David Walsh presided in the civil and felony divisions in Volusia County from 2001 to 2012, serving twice as chief judge, before taking over the criminal division at the Flagler County Courthouse, hearing criminal, juvenile delinquency and dependency cases at the Kim C. Hammond Justice Center in Bunnell; and

WHEREAS, the great philosopher Socrates said that there are four qualities required of a judge: *to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly, and to decide impartially*. Judge Walsh has strived to follow the restrictive sentencing guidelines and harsh sentences in place today by imposing sentences that were fair and just; but he truly cherished conducting drug-court graduations where he abandoned his bench and stood shoulder to shoulder with drug-court graduates, congratulating them and handing them back their futures; and

WHEREAS, Judge Walsh has heard case after case centered on abuse, neglect or drugs, but it is through the support of his wife, Stephanie, his children, and his horses, that he was able to find a balance between his professional and personal life; and

WHEREAS, Judge Walsh is looking forward to not having to be on a schedule, as he plans to devote more time to reading, writing, and his music—in his spare time;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 16, 2016, as a day to recognize

JUDGE J. DAVID WALSH

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in honoring Judge Walsh for his service and dedication to his profession and our community, and for a job well done!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 16th of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor