

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Waste Pro is the private contractor in charge of solid waste, yard waste, and recycling pick up services to the residential customers in Ormond Beach. Their motto is "Caring for Our Communities".

WHEREAS, on April 23rd Eric Thomas and Ladarius Gardiner demonstrated that commitment to our community with their actions, while they were picking up recycling in the Lakebridge community.

WHEREAS, when they arrived at Oakwood Park, the crew smelled smoke and a neighbor alerted the team that there was a fire in one of the homes and the resident was still inside. Eric Thomas, the driver, immediately took action and entered the building. He went to the second floor and checked every room, but could not locate the resident. Eric then came back out and asked if anyone had come out. The neighbor said no, but stated they had heard the resident coughing. Eric then took off his shirt and wrapped it around his face to minimize breathing in the thick smoke. He re-entered the smoke filled building and located the resident, unconscious, on the couch. As Eric attempted to move the resident, the resident became alarmed and struggled. He was able to get the resident to the doorway where his co-worker Ladarius assisted in lifting the resident and getting them outside the building and out of danger.

WHEREAS, Eric Thomas, Recycle Driver, has been with Waste Pro since the Ormond Beach Contract began in October of 2014 and he worked on the Ormond Beach contract for an additional 10 years with the prior contractor.

WHEREAS, Ladarius Gardiner joined Waste Pro in May of 2016 and has been working in Ormond Beach since then. Ladarius is also a full time student and is close to graduating from Daytona State College.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2018, as a day to recognize

ERIC THOMAS AND LADARIUS GARDINER

in the City of Ormond Beach and invite all citizens to join me this day in paying tribute to these Waste Pro employees for their heroic efforts that saved the life of an Ormond Beach resident.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor