

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Carl Persis has lived in Volusia County since 1956. He graduated from Seabreeze High School, Daytona State College, the University of Central Florida, and earned his Masters in Educational Leadership from Stetson University. He has served in education in the local community for 40 years. Thirty of those years were spent as a principal at the elementary and middle school levels. He has served 16 years as an elected/appointed public official in various positions including serving as an Ormond Beach City Commissioner, the Mayor of Ormond Beach, Volusia County Councilman, Volusia County School Board Member, District 4, and Daytona Beach Racing, Recreational and Facilities District. He was the first and only principal in Volusia County to serve as a mayor and principal at the same time.

WHEREAS, Carl is active in several nonprofit organizations, serving as a board member on the Halifax Health Foundation, President-elect of the Tiger Bay Club of Volusia County, a Leadership Team Member for the Halifax Humane Society Capital Foundation, and he is currently serving on the school board and DBRRFD. He is a Phi Delta Kappa Educational Organizer Member and he was recently appointed to serve as a member of the Grievance Committee for the 7th District Judicial Court.

WHEREAS, Susan Persis was born in Daytona Beach and graduated from Seabreeze High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Florida State University and earned her Masters in Educational Leadership Degree from Nova University. She has been an educator for over 40 years. Susan taught elementary and middle school for 15 years at six different schools. She served at both the elementary and secondary level for nine years at three different schools as an assistant principal. Susan served at two elementary schools over a 15-year span as a principal. She was the first person to serve as the principal of two schools at the same time for an entire year.

WHEREAS, Susan is the 2015 recipient of the State of Florida innovative Principal of the Year award and she served as the state president of the Florida School Administrators Association. She currently serves on the City of Ormond Beach 'Quality of Life' Board and is a Daytona State College adjunct professor, supervising and teaching interns.

WHEREAS, The Florida Elks organization has selected Carl and Susan Persis as their male and female Humanitarians of the year and will they will be recognized for their longtime contributions to our community on May 12th, 2018 at the 5th Annual Harry Anna Gala of Hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2018, as a day to honor

CARL AND SUSAN PERSIS

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day as we recognize Carl and Susan Persis for their dedication to our children and community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 12th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor