

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Gloria and Ray Max moved from Charleston, West Virginia to Volusia County in 1983, after 15 years of operating a gourmet shop that offered jellies and specialty sandwiches; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria is the longtime executive director at the Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties. She is the driving force behind a food bank that helps feed approximately 25,000 people a year, and a backpack and school supply drive that has equipped nearly 109,000 needy children since the mid-1990s. She has helped many others, including raising money to build bomb shelters in poor neighborhoods of Israel, and providing two fire responder trucks there; providing cash assistance to victims of natural disasters, such as hurricanes Florence and Michael; and organizes an annual holiday turkey drive locally. She works 16-hour days at the food bank with Ray at her side; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria received the notion of helping the less fortunate by watching her father, Mendel Goldstein. Mr. Goldstein owned a men's clothing store and regularly, but quietly, donated to the less fortunate. He taught her not to begrudge the poor a good life, as their life was not easy, and what she witnessed stayed with her; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria has been forced to pull back some of her time and efforts in the last few years due to health issues, but the dedication that she and Ray show have been noticed by many in the community. Rabbi Courtney Berman, of Temple Beth-El and Temple Israel, noted that when people were hurting or in need, Gloria and Ray would find a way to help through the federation and it inspired her; and

**WHEREAS**, Marvin Miller, President of the Jewish Federation, has a heart for his community and has been generous to those in need. He works alongside Gloria and Ray in their quest to provide a better quality of life in Ormond Beach;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 8, 2019, as a day to recognize

## GLORIA AND RAY MAX

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day as we recognize Gloria and Ray Max for their dedication to those in need throughout our community and the world.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor