

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Program offers civic-minded individuals the chance to discover how they can become involved with ongoing opportunities within the Ormond Beach community. The program strives to help participants develop networking opportunities, establish relationships with fellow program-graduates, and promote community leadership and involvement with the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership Program historically cultivates informed citizens and leaders who go on to become actively engaged in their community through their positive actions. Each class that goes through the Leadership Program selects a project to complete prior to graduation; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 class, known as Leadership Class XVI, learned that local elementary and middle schools had negative school lunch balances totaling \$5,200 over a six-month period. Leadership Class XVI felt passionately that no child should be denied a hot lunch and decided to support Volusia County Schools' Angel Funds for their class project. Angel Funds collects donations from community members to help students with their negative lunch account balances; and

WHEREAS, the class chose their project because they feel that children are our future. Ormond Beach Leadership Class XVI wanted to take care of local children's needs, noting that in some circumstances a school lunch may be the most nutritious meal of the day for a student, and that children who cannot afford a lunch may encounter social consequences from their peers; and

WHEREAS, within three days, the 16th Ormond Beach Leadership Class had already raised \$5,000 through their Facebook page for Angel Funds. The class set a goal to raise \$10,000 to address negative school lunch balances for Ormond Beach public schools. By the time of their May 23, 2019 graduation, the class had collected \$12,478 and delivered those funds to all five Ormond Beach elementary schools and both Ormond Beach Middle School and Hinson Middle School. The 2019 class is leaving a lasting legacy of generosity and compassion with their community service project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2019, as a day to recognize

ORMOND BEACH CHAMBER LEADERSHIP CLASS XVI

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day in acknowledging the accomplishments of these community leaders and their dedication to our children and community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 4th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor