



CITY OF ORMOND BEACH

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July 14, 1998

Wayne Bowers, City Manager
City of Gainesville
P. O. Box 490, Station 7
Gainesville, FL 32602-0490

Dear Mr. Bowers:

Recently, the City of Ormond Beach and adjacent areas within Volusia County were threatened by fire storms. These fires created an emergency far beyond our local capabilities to control causing the evacuation of approximately 15,000 residents from their homes in our City.

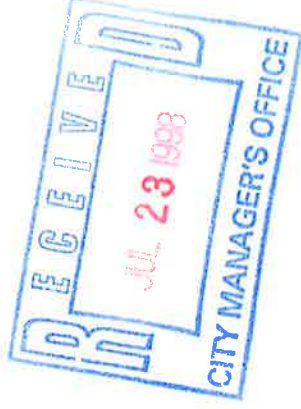
To contain the fires, Volusia County requested assistance from a multitude of federal, State and local agencies within Florida and throughout the United States. Ultimately, ninety-four (94) different fire and law enforcement organizations provided direct assistance to Ormond Beach and its surrounding area. It was only through this tremendous support that the fires were contained resulting in no loss of life or residential structures within our City's boundaries.

The Ormond Beach City Commission approved the enclosed Proclamation to document the **THANKS** of the entire community to those agencies who supported us in our time of need. As we consider what might have occurred in Ormond Beach, these words seem inadequate. Truly, the spirit and compassion toward mankind of our great nation was illustrated by your response in our time of need. I hope that you will read this Proclamation at your next governing body meeting so your citizens know our appreciation for your support.

Sincerely,

Eugene Miller
City Manager
City of Ormond Beach

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PROCLAMATION

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ORMOND BEACH COMMUNITY DURING THE RECENT FIRE STORM CRISIS

WHEREAS, beginning July 2, 1998, the City of Ormond Beach was threatened by fast moving fire storms that resulted in the evacuation of 15,000 of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville provided critically needed aid in this time of dire emergency resulting in the City experiencing no loss of life and no loss of residential structures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ormond Beach and its citizens wish to acknowledge your assistance during this emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, does hereby proclaim to the City of Gainesville our heartfelt appreciation for the outstanding service from your City during this emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands as the City Commission of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, and have caused the Seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 7th day of July in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight.


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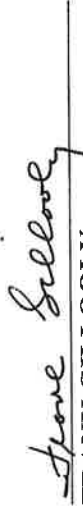
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ATTEST:



EUGENE MILLER
City Manager



BARRY BAKER
Fire Chief