

# CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. The program was created in 1995 by Prudential in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) to honor middle level and high school students for outstanding service to others at the local, state, and national level; and

**WHEREAS**, the program's goals are to applaud young people who already are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 16 years, more than 310,000 young Americans have participated in the program, and nearly 100,000 of them have been officially recognized for their volunteer work; and

**WHEREAS**, Olivia Russo, a University High School student, who lost her home in 2009 as a result of a FEMA flood and subsequently started the Save the Earth Projects (S.T.E.P.) organization, at age 10 and now dedicates her time to giving back to her local community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Russo has been recognized for many awards for her numerous acts of kindness, was nominated by the Executive Director of the local community YMCA for the National Prudential Spirit of the Community Award and won;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Gary A. Blair, Mayor of the City of Orange City hereby present Ms. Russo with the official pin of the City and proclaim Ms. Russo to be an honorable citizen and asset to the community in which she lives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Orange City to be affixed on this 8th day of May 2018.

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Gary Blair, Mayor