

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, Mike Edwin Danford, was born and raised in Lake Wales and knew at a very young age that he wanted to be a Firefighter so on January 30, 1984 he signed up with the City of Lake Wales Fire Department and fulfilled that young boy's dream to be a Firefighter to protect and serve the citizens of Lake Wales; and

*WHEREAS*, Mike E. Danford after demonstrating the required skills and abilities within the Fire Department was promoted to Firefighter II on February 8, 1987; and

*WHEREAS*, Mike E. Danford was promoted within one year to Lieutenant/Inspector on March 6, 1988 and with that promotion accepted additional responsibilities as a shift Supervisor and for performing fire inspections for commercial buildings in Lake Wales; and

*WHEREAS*, Mike E. Danford on October 30, 1992 was recognized with a promotion to Captain/Inspector where he was now responsible for the supervision of more employees and training of new firefighters and where his practical, highly technical, and administrative knowledge and skills was essential to the day to day operations; and

*WHEREAS*, Mike E. Danford although a man of few words was highly respected within the department, the city and in the county for his professionalism and dedication to the fire service was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief on May 16, 1999 and also served the City as Emergency Manager from July 7, 2009 to September 18, 2011;and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Eugene Fultz, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lake Wales, in the State of Florida, do hereby recognize and commend Mike E. Danford for his many accomplishments and contributions to the City of Lake Wales so at this time we extend our sincere appreciation for his thirty years of dedicated and loyal service to the City of Lake Wales and its Fire Department and encourage all citizens to join us in this recognition upon his retirement on January 31, 2014.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lake Wales, Florida to be affixed this January 21, 2014

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Mayor Eugene Fultz