

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the character of the people of Lake Wales, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, our community leaders are continually turning to service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet civic needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Business, Civic, Ministry Coalition of Lake Wales, and the Lake Wales Care Center have worked with the City of Lake Wales to organize volunteer workdays to address the most pressing challenges facing our City from restoring our parks and improving our community's appearance to enhancing our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Wales Care Center and the Body of Christ workday volunteers have served and continue to serve in several locations around our town, bolstering our neighbors, civic groups and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our community's economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, community service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages various resources to strengthen community impact; and

WHEREAS, the Body of Christ workday volunteers have representatives from 11 area churches including: Impact Church, First Institutional Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Greater St Thomas Holiness Church, First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, High Point Church, South Lake Wales Church of God, Church on the Move, Lake Pierce Baptist Church, Capernaum Ministries; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Wales Care Center coordinates with various groups including participants in their Stay-at-Home Work Camp who participate in community projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Wales shares a priority with the Business, Civic, and Ministry Coalition of Lake Wales and the Lake Wales Care Center to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen our community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Eugene Fultz, Mayor of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida do hereby proclaim February 3, 2015, as

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

and thank our residents who recognize the positive impact of community service in our City, and encourage everyone to find ways to give back to their communities.

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 3th day of February 2015.

Mayor Eugene Fultz