

# TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

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## PROCLAMATION

### DECLARING MAY AS CIVILITY MONTH

*WHEREAS*, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

*WHEREAS*, as a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

*WHEREAS*, civility, derived from the Latin words "civitas" meaning city and "civis" meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

*WHEREAS*, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

*WHEREAS*, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

*WHEREAS*, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

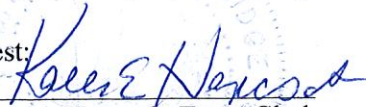
*WHEREAS*, the Town, County and Local Government Law Section of the Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.


*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED* that the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida hereby declares the month of May as

### "CIVILITY MONTH"

and urge all citizens to exercise civility toward each other.

Passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

Attest:   
Karen E. Hancsak, Town Clerk

  
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