



# Proclamation

To celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> as Independence Day.

**WHEREAS**, on July 2 1776, Congress signed the resolution on Independence, which was later adopted on July 4<sup>th</sup> and represents the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation; and

**WHEREAS**, on the anniversary of the adoption of our Declaration of Independence, we pay tribute to the courage and dedication of those patriots who established our great country. We celebrate the values of justice and equality that strengthen our country; and

**WHEREAS**, at the core of our country's Declaration of Independence, "all men are created equal" and "they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." In pursuit of these ideals, generations of Americans have unveiled new hopes of freedom that simply cannot be bound by the borders of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, as citizens of our beloved Commonwealth, celebrating our country's cherished independence, we should not only take pride in our vibrant history, but also look to the future with hope, confidence, and grace; and

**WHEREAS**, we offer immense gratitude to all the patriots of both our past and present who have sought to advance freedom, establish virtue, and build foundations of peace. Because of their sacrifice, this country remains a beacon of hope for all who dream of a life filled with liberty, justice, and happiness.

**THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lake Alfred formally recognize July 4<sup>th</sup> as,

## "INDEPENDENCE DAY"

in the City of Lake Alfred. May we always keep in mind that no matter what problems face our Nation, here we are free to speak our minds, to assemble peaceably, to elect (or un-elect) our representatives in government, and to worship God (or not) as our conscience might compel us. We often take these liberties for granted. But on the Fourth of July, we should pause to remember that others around the globe do not enjoy such freedoms.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunder set my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

Charles Lake, Mayor  
City of Lake Alfred, Florida