



Proclamation

To recognize August 2016 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 which is an integral component of a productive, functioning society in which all people are treated as equals regardless of age, gender, religion, racial or ethnic background, or creed; 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, lack of respect, and personal attacks detract 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 City, 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lake Alfred formally recognize August 2016 as

"Civility Month"

in the City of Lake Alfred and urges all citizens to exercise civility toward each other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand this 22nd day of August, 2016.

Charles O. Lake, Mayor
City of Lake Alfred, Florida