



# Proclamation

To recognize and celebrate January as National Mentoring Month and  
January 21<sup>st</sup> as Thank Your Mentor Day.

**Whereas**, January 2016, marks the 15th annual National Mentoring Month public awareness campaign, and

**Whereas**, quality mentoring is a critical component in addressing community challenges such as low graduation rates, juvenile crime and workforce development, and

**Whereas**, spending one hour each week – whether it's helping with homework, playing, games or just hanging out – means a young person has someone to turn to in moments big and small, and

**Whereas**, mentoring relationships serve as critical links in the chain of outcomes for our nation's youth that ultimately produces more active citizens and stronger leaders, better schools and healthier communities. Young people who are in a quality mentoring relationship are more likely to do better in school and have aspirations to go to college. They are also more equipped to make responsible decisions and model good behavior, and

**Whereas**, many Americans will reach out to thank or honor those individuals who encouraged and guided them, and had a lasting, positive impact on their lives on Thank Your Mentor Day celebrated on January 21, and

**Whereas**, National Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to celebrate and honor the importance of quality mentoring programs and the role that mentors fill while also recruiting new supporters and volunteers.

**Therefore**, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lake Alfred formally recognize January 2016 as

**" National Mentoring Month "**

in the City of Lake Alfred, Florida and urge all citizens to become a mentor and realize the impact you can have in real life..

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunder set my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

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Charles Lake, Mayor  
City of Lake Alfred, Florida