

CITY OF WINTER PARK proclamation

Thaddeus Seymour Day | May 1, 2016

WHEREAS, Thaddeus Seymour came to Winter Park as the 12th President of Rollins College in 1978 and began his 12-year tenure of helping Rollins College grow and mold itself into the nationally-recognized institution of higher education it is today; and

WHEREAS, Seymour's presidential leadership style made him many friends on campus among alumni, trustees, faculty, staff and, especially, students because he brought back "Fox Day;" and

WHEREAS, Seymour immediately put a "face" on Rollins College for the entire Winter Park community, thereby establishing a classic "town and gown" relationship between Rollins College and the City of Winter Park; and

WHEREAS, Seymour frequently stepped off campus to learn about and collaborate with numerous nonprofit, civic and community organizations throughout Winter Park; and

WHEREAS, as a then-former college president, Seymour immersed himself in almost all of those organizations over time, lending his immense leadership talents to help those organizations grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, Seymour became the unofficial role model for the Winter Park citizenry by skillfully and unselfishly using his endearing personality, razor-sharp wit, and absolute respect for history and true sense of community, to establish a standard for civility in public discourse in Winter Park; and

WHEREAS, Seymour purposely elevated intellectual dialogue in both private and public debate on a wide variety of subjects critically important to Winter Park citizens; and

WHEREAS, to this day, Seymour continues to be an inspirational mentor, counselor and friend to everyone he meets along the way.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Sunday, May 1, 2016**, to be **Thaddeus Seymour Day** in Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 22nd day of April 2016.


Steve Leary
Mayor