

CITY OF WINTER PARK
proclamation

Day of Remembrance for Arnold Palmer | October 1, 2016

WHEREAS, Arnold Daniel Palmer, son of a country club groundskeeper, was born on September 10, 1929, and raised in Latrobe, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Palmer received his first set of golf clubs at the age of three from his father, and not too many years later he began sneaking into Latrobe's nine-hole course to play golf and then became a caddy at the age of 11; and

WHEREAS, while playing for the Latrobe High School golf team, Palmer lost only one match in four years which enabled him to receive a scholarship to Wake Forest University in North Carolina, and became a professional golfer in 1954, winning three tournaments in 1956, four in 1957, and the prestigious Masters Tournament in 1958; and

WHEREAS, since 1960, Palmer's come-from-behind wins in the Masters and U.S. Open tournaments made him a national hero, who became known as one of the greatest sports figures of all time nicknamed "The King" and loyally followed by millions of fans known as "Arnie's Army" and;

WHEREAS, Palmer married his first wife, Winifred "Winnie" Walzer in 1954, and remained married until her death in 1999; and later married Kathleen "Kit" Gawthrop in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Palmer was the first person to make 1 million dollars playing golf, but became better known for his remarkable entrepreneurial skills, genius golf course design expertise, and endless philanthropy and contributions to those in need by founding the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women and Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies in Orlando; and

WHEREAS, above all, Palmer is remembered as a remarkable man, golf legend, true gentleman, loyal friend, and loving patriarch to his family which includes two daughters, four granddaughters, two grandsons, nine great grandchildren, a stepson, two stepdaughters, and eight step grandchildren.

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 **Saturday, October 1, 2016**, as "**Day of Remembrance for Arnold Palmer 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 1st day of October 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Leary".

Steve Leary
Mayor