

CITY OF WINTER PARK
proclamation

Maurice “Socky” O’Sullivan Day | March 17, 2019

WHEREAS, Maurice “Socky” O’Sullivan is celebrating his 50th year as a college professor, of which he has served the last 44 at Rollins College where he is the Kenneth Curry Professor of Literature; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife Susan are proud residents of Winter Park; and

WHEREAS, O’Sullivan’s sons, Quinn and Brendan, are model graduates of Winter Park High School, which bestowed on him the Wildcat Pride Award; and

WHEREAS, the *Orlando Sentinel* has described him as “the sports grammarian,” and the *Orlando Weekly* as “a boundary-cracking literary professor”; and

WHEREAS, in 14 books and over 100 articles, essays and columns, O’Sullivan has celebrated Florida, popular culture, Shakespeare, religion, Irish culture, and education; and

WHEREAS, he has received national and state awards as a teacher, colleague, editor, columnist, writer and filmmaker; and

WHEREAS, O’Sullivan has served as President of the College English Association and Florida College English Association, and currently serves as President Elect of the Florida Historical Society and Executive Vice President of the Central Florida English Speaking Union; and

WHEREAS, he has honored his Irish American heritage in columns and speeches, and as the Grand Marshal of the City of Winter Park’s Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

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, March 17, 2019**, as “**Maurice “Socky” O’Sullivan 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 11th day of March 2019.

Steve Leary
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Leary", is written over a blue horizontal line.