

proclamation

Liz Sheppard Day | April 7, 2019

WHEREAS, Park Avenue has many amazing artisans, boutiques and restaurants including Bebe's and Liz's, both owned by Liz Sheppard, which bring public awareness and national attention to the area by hosting events such as Winter Park Fashion Week which garners national attention in publications such as *Art & Beauty Magazine of New York* and *Pageantry Magazine of Florida*, and;

WHEREAS, the city celebrates Bebe's and Liz's presence on Park Avenue for over 30 years during which Sheppard, known by her customers as The Fairy Godmother, dressed generations of citizens in the community and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with National Girl Me Too Day on April 7, which recognizes the strength and endurance of women of all ages, Bebe's and Liz's will host a Spring Fashion Show with local stores managed by women including Violet Clover, Tuni, Charyli and SEE; and

WHEREAS, we live in a nation that encourages and promotes female empowerment and Sheppard has been an entrepreneur running a female-owned, Winer Park business, assisting women and young girls in dressing for success and building confidence; and

WHEREAS, Sheppard continues to host charity events and fundraisers in her daily business operations as well as personal endeavors among which include donations of clothing and goods to women's shelters, food collections for the Humane Society, and the spotlight on Kids Beating Cancer as the charity of choice for Winter Park Fashion Week; and

WHEREAS, "Bebe's and Liz's present Winter Park Fashion Week" was created to provide citizens and visitors a cultural experience by showcasing current lines of clothing and accessories offered in local boutiques as well as local performers of the community; and

WHEREAS, with fundraising and service a daily part of life and focus of Sheppard, she has been awarded the 2018 Humanitarian of the Year Award by *Art and Beauty Magazine of New York* in recognition of her tremendous contributions to several charities and service organizations.

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, April 7, 2019**, as "Liz Sheppard 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 3rd day of April 2019.

Steve Leary
Mayor

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