

CITY OF WINTER PARK proclamation

Chez Vincent Day | December 22, 2025

WHEREAS, over 30 years ago, Chef Vincent Gagliano and his wife, Teri, chose Winter Park as the place to build their life and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 1997, Chef Vincent and Teri Gagliano opened the doors to a French restaurant, Chez Vincent, in the heart of Hannibal Square; and

WHEREAS, Chef Vincent, a top graduating apprentice from culinary school in Clermont Ferrand, France, has always been dedicated to excellent food with an emphasis on quality throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the restaurant expanded to include Hannibal's Lounge, creating an additional gathering space for cocktails, celebrations and meaningful moments, to share among friends, families and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Chez Vincent and Hannibal's Lounge have always been a true family endeavor, with the Gagliano children growing up in the restaurant and countless community milestones celebrated within its walls, from birthdays and graduations to engagements and weddings, as well as local elementary school field trips; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the restaurant received numerous honors and accolades such as *Orlando Sentinel* Foodie Awards, Best of Orlando, My City Eats & Entertainment *Orlando Magazine*® Dining Hall of Fame, and received high praises among residents, guests and local food critics, while also supporting local traditions like the Winter Park Farmers' Market and Visit Orlando®'s Magical Dining; and

WHEREAS, after nearly 28 years of service to the Winter Park community, Chef Vincent and Teri Gagliano are closing this chapter as they enter retirement, leaving behind a legacy of excellence, hospitality and cherished memories that have enriched Winter Park's cultural and culinary landscape.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Monday, December 22, 2025**, to be **Chez Vincent Day** in the City of 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 17th day of December 2025.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor