

proclamation

Debbie Komanski Day | March 14, 2025

WHEREAS, Debbie Komanski served as the Executive Director of the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens for 21 years and transformed it into the cherished institution it is today; and

WHEREAS, her leadership, inspiration and tenacity also led to the founding of the Winter Park Paint Out now in its 17th year; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, in her role as project director, Komanski assisted in saving the 1885 Capen House, when it was successfully divided and floated over the waters of Lake Osceola, then reconstructed on museum property; and

WHEREAS, a native of Winter Park, graduate of Winter Park High School and the University of Central Florida (UCF), she brings a deep knowledge of the city's cultural arts and history to everything she does; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Komanski has served as President of many organizations and held key leadership positions on multiple boards, such as the Rotary Club of Winter Park, UCF Alumni Association, Volunteer Center of Central Florida, Town and Gown Council of UCF, and The Mayflower at Winter Park Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, highly honored, Komanski has been named *Super Woman* by Orlando Family Magazine, *Top 10 Most Influential People of Winter Park* by Winter Park Magazine, awarded Winter Park History Museum's *Person of the Year*, *Multiplying Good's Jefferson Award for Lifetime of Public Service*, Winter Park Chamber of Commerce *Community Leader of the Year*, and a *Distinguished Alumnus of the Year* from UCF; and

WHEREAS, Komanski whole-heartedly gave the Winter Park community the opportunity to appreciate art in a beautiful home and garden setting, and created a legacy of inspiration, preservation and dedication to the arts.

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 the day of **Friday, March 14, 2025**, as **"Debbie Komanski 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 12th day of March 2025.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor