

CITY OF WINTER PARK proclamation

Star-Spangled Banner Day | September 14, 2025

WHEREAS, on September 14, 1814, in Baltimore, Maryland at the Battle of Fort McHenry, Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry while being held on a British ship; and

WHEREAS, the following morning, upon seeing the American Flag still flying over Fort McHenry, Key was inspired to write a poem that was titled *Defense of Fort McHenry*; and

WHEREAS, that poem was later set to music and renamed *The Star-Spangled Banner*; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 1931, by congressional resolution signed by President Herbert Hoover, *The Star-Spangled Banner* became the National Anthem of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans cherish and respect the words and music of the National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, many holidays, sporting and public events begin with the singing or playing of the National Anthem, reaffirming patriotism and love of our country; and

WHEREAS, the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 and The Frances L. Dade Chapter, Winter Park and central Florida, call for a day to observe the historical significance of *The Star-Spangled Banner* and to celebrate the words Francis Scott Key penned in 1814.

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 **Sunday, September 14, 2025**, to be **Star-Spangled Banner 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 10th day of September 2025.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor