

# proclamation

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## Betty Jane Wilson Day | March 6, 2026

**WHEREAS**, Betty Jane was born December 24, 1936, in Charleston, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, a loving wife and mother, in 1957 she married Dr. Cecil B. Wilson and they have three children and three grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1958, she graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and began a career as a grade school teacher, realtor and then later community advocate; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1986 to 1987, Wilson’s passion for health and education led her to serve as president of the Orange County Medical Society Auxiliary, and from 1990 to 1991 as president of the Florida Medical Association Auxiliary; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, she was recognized by the Florida School Health Association for her service to school health; and that same year, the Florida Legislature passed the Funding for School Health Services Act, reflecting the lasting impact of advocacy efforts to which she contributed; and

**WHEREAS**, she dedicated years of service to the Ronald McDonald® House Charities of Central Florida, serving on its board from 1995 to 2002, and was later honored with a Special Recognition Award from the Orange County Medical Society Alliance, as well as the Peggy Wilcox Award from the Florida Medical Alliance Foundation for her outstanding service; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond her statewide leadership, Wilson made meaningful contributions within her local community through efforts supporting health, wellness, education and neighborhood beautification; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winter Park joins family, friends and community members in honoring Betty Jane Wilson for a lifetime marked by leadership, generosity and dedication to improving the lives of others.

**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 **Friday, March 6, 2026**, as “**Betty Jane Wilson Day**” in Winter Park, Florida, in her honor.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I** have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2026.

**Sheila DeCiccio**  
Mayor