

CITY OF WINTER PARK proclamation

Casa Feliz Day | October 25, 2026

WHEREAS, in 1933, renowned Winter Park architect James Gamble Rogers II designed Casa Feliz, one of the community's most treasured historic landmarks, and a defining example of the architecture that gives Winter Park its distinctive character; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, when Casa Feliz was threatened with demolition, Winter Park residents, preservationists, civic leaders, donors and volunteers came together in an extraordinary grassroots effort to save the historic home; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, that community effort resulted in the remarkable relocation of Casa Feliz from its original site on Interlachen Avenue to its present home adjacent to the Winter Park Golf Course, ensuring that the house would remain a part of the community for future generations; and

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, Casa Feliz has served as "Winter Park's Parlor," welcoming residents and guests for museum tours, concerts, lectures, exhibitions, weddings, celebrations and other community gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Casa Feliz has stewarded the historic home as a public resource while advancing education about James Gamble Rogers II, local history and architecture; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of Casa Feliz has inspired continued community advocacy for Winter Park's historic places; and

WHEREAS, October 25, 2026, marks the 25th anniversary of the community's successful effort to save Casa Feliz, providing an opportunity to celebrate the citizens whose vision, generosity and determination preserved this beloved landmark for Winter Park.

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, October 25, 2026**, to be **Casa Feliz 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 October 2026.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor