

CITY OF WINTER PARK

proclamation

Edward “Eddie” Cole Day | January 5, 2026

WHEREAS, born on May 5, 1958, in Canton, Ohio, Edward “Eddie” Cole relocated to Florida, where he proudly called the Town of Eatonville home; and

WHEREAS, working on the court, Cole served as a chaplain for the Orlando Magic basketball team during the NBA season; and

WHEREAS, since 1989, he was a dedicated presence with Rollins College basketball as the assistant coach for the lady Tars and in 2023, was inducted into the Rollins Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, for two decades, he was the executive director of Every Kid Outreach, Inc., where middle and high school minority youth were engaged through relationship building, inspiration and empowerment to reach their brightest future; and

WHEREAS, serving first on the Town Council of Eatonville, in 2016 Cole was elected as Mayor of the Town of Eatonville, where he served his community until 2022; and

WHEREAS, a loving father, Cole has five children, 11 grandchildren, and a host of other relatives, former students, mentees and friends who will keep his memory alive; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life he demonstrated his dedication to the welfare of others, led with compassion and commitment to progress, and touched many lives through his charitable efforts and volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park joins in the outpouring of respect and admiration from the community, friends and family of Eddie Cole as we celebrate his lifetime of achievements.

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, January 5, 2026**, as “Edward ‘Eddie’ Cole Day” in Winter Park, Florida, in his 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 2nd day of January 2026.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor