

proclamation

John Craig Clothier Day | March 5, 2026

WHEREAS, in 1996, Craig and Suzanne DeLongy moved to Winter Park where they raised their children and opened a small business on Park Avenue in downtown Winter Park; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 1996, the DeLongy's opened John Craig Clothier in a building that dates back to 1910, which previously housed a gallery operated by Hugh and Jeannette McKean; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the DeLongy's expanded on their mission to provide timeless menswear for the sophisticated man with unparalleled customer service by opening Current by John Craig, right next to their first Park Avenue location; and

WHEREAS, the John Craig Clothier company has grown to include eight stores in Florida, consisting of three brands and employing more than 50 team members, including the DeLongy's oldest daughter Blair who graduated from Rollins College and now serves as Vice President of John Craig Clothier; and

WHEREAS, the company has received numerous awards including *Esquire* 100 Best of Class, *MR Magazine* Specialty Store of the Year, Best of Orlando, Best of Ponte Vedra Beach, Best of Jupiter, Best of Naples and Best of Ocala; and

WHEREAS, the company is a Gold Trustee of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce having served on its Centennial Committee and as board members, and founding members of the Park Avenue District, *The Scout Guide*, and a sponsor of Winter Park Fashion Week; and

WHEREAS, as advocates for the City of Winter Park and its historic preservation efforts, John Craig Clothier donates over \$100,000 annually to local charities; and

WHEREAS, for nearly three decades, John Craig Clothier has contributed to the vibrancy of Park Avenue and the Winter Park community through its commitment to quality, entrepreneurship, philanthropy, and dedicated service to residents and guests alike.

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 **Thursday, March 5, 2026**, as "John Craig Clothier 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 5th day of March 2026.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor