

CITY OF WINTER PARK proclamation

Reginald Jerome Johnson Day | August 21, 2026

WHEREAS, born May 11, 1950, Reginald Jerome Johnson, affectionately known as “RJ,” was a native of Hannibal Square in Winter Park; and

WHEREAS, Johnson attended Welbourne Avenue Nursery and Kindergarten, Webster Avenue Elementary School in Winter Park, and upon graduating from Hungerford High School in 1968, he joined the United States Army, faithfully serving his country for 20 years before retiring in 1988; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Johnson owned and operated a successful cosmetology and barbering business, earning widespread respect as a community business leader; and

WHEREAS, he served the community through his membership in the Prince Hall Masons, Rudolph Bradley Lodge #706, where he held key leadership positions including Worshipful Master, leaving a lasting mark through the example he set as a brother and leader; and

WHEREAS, Johnson’s commitment to community extended to keeping his high school friends and classmates connected after school integration in 1965 split the former Hungerford High School students between four area high schools, he served as a local “class leader” until his passing; and

WHEREAS, a devoted father and dedicated family man, he was also a member of the Carter Tabernacle CME Church and Praise Team in Orlando; and

WHEREAS, Johnson was a patriot, community servant, leader and friend; he leaves a legacy of strength, faith, service, leadership and love that will live on in the hearts of all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park joins the outpouring of respect and admiration from the friends and family of Reginald Jerome Johnson as we celebrate his legacy.

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, August 21, 2026**, as **“Reginald Jerome Johnson 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 17th day of August 2026.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor