

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

**WHEREAS**, as a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

**WHEREAS**, civility, derived from the Latin words “civitas” meaning city and “civis” meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

**WHEREAS**, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

**WHEREAS**, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, County, and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as Mayor of the City of DeBary, I Bob Garcia, on behalf of the DeBary City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May as Civility Month, and call upon all residents to exercise civility toward each other.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of DeBary to be affixed on this 7th day of May 2014.

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Bob Garcia, Mayor  
City of DeBary