

## **Proclamation**

### **Week of the Family**

- WHEREAS,** during the Week of the Family, Orlando celebrates the spirit that moves family members to care for one another, to grow and dream together, and to instill in their children the character that keeps Orlando strong; and
- WHEREAS,** the appearance of family life has changed dramatically, but whether joined by blood or bonds of kinship, the essential meaning of family and the enjoyment with family life has not changed as the source of love, guidance, hope, courage, determination and inspiration; and
- WHEREAS,** it is imperative that we recognize the importance of family values and make time to share a family meal, read a bedtime story or create a holiday tradition, as we nurture Orlando's next generation of innovators, scholars and leaders.
- WHEREAS,** the Week of the Family gives us an opportunity to celebrate the unity and compassion that keeps our families strong and a time to highlight the special contributions and needs of the family, to acknowledge the new challenges that families face and to honor the commitment of those family members who are resilient; and
- WHEREAS,** strong, healthy families are the building blocks of Orlando and the core of a strong community, and the Week of the Family encourages us to celebrate our families by supporting one another with unshakable devotion, which strengthens families as the fundamental unit of society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER,** Mayor of the City of Orlando, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all and proclaim November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 as the

### **“Week of the Family”**

in the City of Orlando.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
my hand and caused the Seal of Orlando to be affixed  
this 3rd day of November 2014.