

WHEREAS, *Blondie P. Jordan was born in Statesboro, Georgia on September 25, 1934 to parents who were sharecroppers; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Jordan’s upbringing helped her develop her passion for civil equality for women, African Americans and minority workers in the south; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Jordan was an active member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Union, which is the largest trade union of public employees in the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Jordan was also one of the founding members of the Local 1967, in which she became president and steward of the union; and*

WHEREAS, *in 1982 at AFSCME’s 25th International Convention, Ms. Jordan was elected the first African-American International Vice President from a southern state; the following year, she was elected president of Florida Council 79 and served until 1996; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Jordan was nationally recognized for her work in women’s equality and advocating for minority union workers; her efforts garnered the attention of President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, Nelson Mandela, Senator Bill Nelson, Congresswoman Corrine Brown and Bishop Desmond Tutu to name a few; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Jordan passed away in 2011, but her legacy of equality for women, African Americans and all minorities still lives on;*

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, *Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, and Regina I. Hill, District 5 City Commissioner, hereby do proclaim Monday, February 29, 2016 as*

“Blondie P. Jordan Day”

in the City of Orlando.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *We hereunto have set our hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 29th day of February 2016.*