

WHEREAS, *Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corporation's (ONIC) Prodigy Cultural Arts Program is celebrating the accomplishments and talents of its participants at their "Celebrating 15 Years of Strengthening Communities!" Showcase on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at the John & Rita Lowndes Shakespeare Center; and*

WHEREAS, *April is designated as Prodigy Month; a month of statewide celebrations of the accomplishments of the Prodigy youth, and offers an opportunity to publicize accomplishments by linking them to a statewide effort of residents, business leaders, community agencies, and government officials working together to revitalize communities and impact youth ages 7-17; and*

WHEREAS, *Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corporation is a non-profit affordable housing provider, whose mission is to provide stable, thriving communities of opportunity through quality affordable housing, with engaged residents in a service enriched environment. ONIC serves 3,000 families living within 11 communities in the Orlando area, offering more than "roofs and walls." As an enrichment program, Prodigy currently operates out of five of ONIC's properties; and*

WHEREAS, *the "Celebrating 15 Years of Strengthening Communities" Showcase will take place with students on hand to engage their families, community and officials, and will connect their strengths, skills and talents in a multicultural showcase of performances and a visual arts exhibition; and*

WHEREAS, *such dedication on behalf of Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corporation's Prodigy Cultural Arts Program is to provide life skills training and outlets of self-expression for our youth, thus engaging our local communities which is honorable and worthy of recognition;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as*

"Prodigy Month"

in the City of Orlando.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 18th day of April 2016.*