

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, the Infinite Scholars Program is presenting for the second year, a College Scholarship Fair on January 15, 2015 at the Sanford Civic Center in Sanford, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Ousley, an individual of great principle, vision and compassion,, founded the Infinite Scholars Program giving young people, who otherwise might not receive financial assistance, would not be afforded the opportunity and support needed for them to develop their talents and pursue their goals; and

WHEREAS, the Infinite Scholars Program began in 2003 with one fair in St. Louis, attended by 589 students with over \$6 million awarded in scholarships. However, in 2013/2014, 27 fairs were held in 25 different cities with over 15,000 students attending and over \$145 million awarded in scholarships. The average scholarship awarded was \$9,890; and

WHEREAS, some of the Infinite Scholars Program goals for 2017 are – 1) Increase the number of scholars in the program to over 30,000, 2) Increase Hispanic and other minority group participation by 50%, 3) Implement ACT/SAT prep program to increase scores so scholars have access to more funding, 4) Develop and implement expanded volunteer training program, and 5) Identify and implement capacity building strategies to ensure financial viability; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Jeff Triplett, City Commissioners, Staff and 56,000 plus Citizens are honored and filled with immense gratitude for being afforded the opportunity to sponsor and host this great game changing empowerment event for our youth, our future leaders and greatest resource and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I VELMA H. WILLIAMS, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Vice Mayor and Commissioner of District Two of the City of Sanford, Florida, do hereby officially proclaim January 15, 2015 as

“MR. THOMAS OUSLEY AND INFINITE SCHOLARS DAY”

in the City of Sanford. We thank you for your hard work, dedication and vision. When it comes to education, “ A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste”.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sanford, Florida to be affixed this 15th day of January the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Velma H. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DR. VELMA H. WILLIAMS
VICE MAYOR and COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2