



WHEREAS, *Rick de Yampert is a talented musician and writer who has made exceptional contributions to the local cultural community over the past 23 years; and*

WHEREAS, *he covered arts and entertainment for the Daytona Beach News-Journal from 1992 to 2015 and previously was the rock music writer at the Tennessean in Nashville; and*

WHEREAS, *he has attended and covered more than 3,000 musical and theatrical performances, writing about everything from rap music and monster truck shows to classical musicians and circus clowns; and*

WHEREAS, *he has interviewed Janet Jackson, Kurt Vonnegut, Nikki Giovanni, Yoko Ono, Shirley MacLaine, Sonia Sanchez and many other artists; and*

WHEREAS, *Mr. de Yampert is also a professional musician who plays sitar, Native American flutes, djembe, guitar and Moyo drum at art festivals, cafes, yoga sessions and sacred events throughout Central Florida; **NOW, THEREFORE,***

WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, *do hereby proclaim November 18, 2015, as:*

“RICK DE YAMPERT DAY”

in Volusia County and urge residents to honor this remarkable man for his enduring contributions to arts and culture.

Dated this 18th day of November, A.D. 2015