



Office of the
Orange County Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, Inc., built in 1871 by the Drawdy family set aside two acres for a family cemetery; in 1927, the Rouse family purchased land leading up to the cemetery to expand their family burial ground; and

WHEREAS, Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, Inc., merged in 1986 for a total of four acres; and

WHEREAS, Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, Inc., a beautiful, tree covered peaceful cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in Orange County Florida; and

WHEREAS, Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, Inc., has a long, rich history as a final resting place for many including local pioneers, prominent leaders in citrus and cattle, and Veterans who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, Inc., a Florida non-profit organization that includes dedicated members that help maintain the cemetery grounds for its 763 interments; and

WHEREAS, Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, Inc., is commended for their commitment and dedication to the serve the residents of Orange County while preserving and sharing the history of its descendants.

NOW THEREFORE, I Jerry L. Demings by the authority vested in me as Orange County Mayor, do by proclaim Saturday, October 2, 2021, as

Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, Inc., Day

in Orange County, Florida, and encourage all Orange County residents to wish the Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, Inc. continued success during their 150th anniversary celebration.

DONE AND ORDERED this 2nd day of October 2021.

JERRY L. DEMINGS, ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR