

THE CITY OF SARASOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dr. J. D. Hamel, Pastor Emeritus of the First Brethren Church in Sarasota, has spent 47 years in the ministry, 33 years as a volunteer chaplain for the Sarasota Fire Department, the Sarasota Police Department and the Sarasota Sheriff's Office, and founded the international "Brethren Hour" Radio Broadcast on Stations WKZM and WQSA; and

WHEREAS, during these years of service Dr. Hamel has received countless awards such as Citizen of the Year, 1964, Sertoma Freedom Award For Outstanding Patriotism, Evangelical of the Year, 1975, Citizen of the Day, Outstanding Citizen of the Year, and Man of the Year, 1991-1992; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamel holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force Auxiliary CAP and served in the South Pacific in the Army Air Corp and Infantry during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamel was listed in "Who's Who in North America" in 1976, "Personalities of the South" in 1978, "Who's Who in Religion" 1977-78 and 1992, the 10th Edition of "Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans", and "Who's Who in Community Service (1978-79); and

WHEREAS, among his numerous memberships in organizations, some include the National Fellowship of Christian Firefighters, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Evangelicals, the National Religious Broadcasters, the National Brethren Ministers Ministerial Association, and life member of the National Missionary Board of the Brethren Denomination; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of Dr. J. D. Hamel to the Sarasota community and to the many individuals he has worked with are too numerous to list:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nora Patterson, Vice Mayor of the City of Sarasota, Florida, do hereby proclaim that August 8th, 1993,

"DR. J. D. HAMEL DAY"

is a day of special importance and is worthy of the recognition of the citizens of the City of Sarasota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sarasota to be affixed this 5th day of August, 1993.

Nora Patterson

Nora Patterson, Vice Mayor of Sarasota

ATTEST:

Billy E. Robinson

Billy E. Robinson, City Auditor and Clerk