

WHEREAS; Dimitry "Dean" Alexander was born the son of Russian immigrants on January 1, 1933 and moved to Florida with his parents and sister, Sandy in the 1940's, and;

WHEREAS; Dean attended Miami Senior High School and went on to the University of Miami where he competed in track and field until he graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio/Television and Film Production, and;

WHEREAS; Dean worked as a TV camera operator at WTVJ in Miami during the stations infancy until September of 1954, and;

WHEREAS; Dean was inducted into the U.S. Army where he proudly served his country. Following the Army, he returned to WTVJ and spent eight years at the Videotape Center in New York shooting over 9,000 shows and commercials, and;

WHEREAS; In his career behind the camera, Dean has worked with countless celebrities including Salvador Dali, President Harry Truman, Phyllis Diller, Victor Borge, and also worked on the crew of "The Jackie Gleason Show", and;

WHEREAS; Aside from his work in television, Dean returned to school and earned a law degree from the University of Miami and taught for thirty years at Miami Dade Community College in radio/television, and law, and;

WHEREAS; Dean was a competitive fencer, a sport in which he won numerous awards including a spot on the Maccabbia games team and a position as an Olympic alternate. Dean was an avid animal lover and volunteered time with the Greyhound Rescue Program. He helped town officials organize a free Rabies Shot Program for local pets, and;

WHEREAS; Dean was a resident of the Town of Davie since 1976, he was active in the community, serving on various boards that included the Charter Review Board, the Davie Water Advisory Board, Unsafe Structure Board, Child Safety Board, and was the first Senior Program Advisory Board President where he helped officials organize a free bus route for the elderly to the community center and to local shopping areas, he entertained others by playing the Goya Guitar and the community center's Baby Grand Piano that he incidentally lobbied the Town Council to donate to the program, and;

WHEREAS; However involved Dean was in his community he never shied from sharing affection for his children Keith, Tamara, and Victoria , as well as his two grandchildren, Sarah and Jake, and;

WHEREAS; One of Dean's proudest achievements came last year with the publication of his book entitled "Cue the Elephants," a nostalgic stroll through a half century of television to the present, an autobiographical memoir of his life among notables and celebrities and;

WHEREAS; On February 14, 2006 Dean lost his battle with lung cancer and will always be remembered as a friendly easygoing man whose endless energy and efforts helped many. He will be missed by the entire community, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Town of Davie's Mayor, Tom Truex and the Davie Town Council Members do hereby proclaim Friday, May 5, 2006 as Dimitry "Dean" Alexander Day and encourage all family and friends to attend the dedication of the Pine Island Park Community Room to his memory, on May 5, 2006 at 11:30 a.m.

DIMITRY "DEAN" ALEXANDER DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of April, of the year, 2006.

Mayor Tom Truex, Town of Davie

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