



PROCLAMATION #PRO2016-09
2016 DUNNELLON LITTLE LEAGUE
STATE OF FLORIDA FINALISTS

WHEREAS, founded in 1939, by Carl Stotz, Little League has instilled leadership, character, courage and loyalty in all that participate, including the nearly 1.5 million adult volunteers. Little League can be found in more than 80 countries worldwide with more than 2.4 million children participating each year. Little League has celebrated many milestones due to the dedication of its players, parents and volunteers.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Dunnellon Little League is to promote, develop, supervise, and voluntarily assist the interest of those who want to participate in Little League Baseball. Through proper guidance and exemplary leadership, our goal is to assist youth in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being. Our goal is to provide a safe, fun, wholesome combination of recreation and competition to players whose ages are 4-18 through regular season play among local teams.

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Manager Gary Leinenbach, Coaches Michael Gray, Chad Davis and A.D. Starks, the 50/70 Intermediate All Star Team won the District 15 Title and gained an opportunity to play in the Section 7 Tournament.

WHEREAS, on July 10th, 2016 the Dunnellon Little League 50/70 Intermediate All Star Team won the Section 7 Tournament and advanced to the State Tournament.

WHEREAS, and on July 17th the 50/70 Intermediate All Star Team traveled to the State Championship Tournament and finished the 2016 season with a final ranking of 2nd place finalist for the State of Florida. In the last decade, no Dunnellon Little League team has placed 2nd in a State Tournament.

WHEREAS, these young men that came together in a fairly new division that Little League formed in the last few years, and accomplished this great honor through determination, attitude and effort. These traits were displayed throughout the season and proved to be the attributes that brought this team to the State of Florida Championship Tournament.

WHEREAS, the Dunnellon City Council would like to sincerely thank each of the players for their unwavering discipline, devotion, and determination; and the coaches for their faithful leadership in this community. You have our genuine reverence and most heartfelt congratulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the Dunnellon City Council recognizes the week of August 8, 2016 to August 12th, 2016 as **Dunnellon Little League Week** and encourages the entire community to show their support and appreciation to this baseball team for bringing pride, respect and an honorable piece of fame to our community.

PASSED and PROCLAIMED this 8th day of August 2016.

DUNNELLON CITY COUNCIL

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