



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a genetic disorder that can cause tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and affects one in 3,000 people of all populations and there is no effective treatment or cure; and

**WHEREAS**, fourteen year old Denver Poore of Ocala was diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis 1 (NF1) at 8 months old and fights this progressive disorder daily, enduring learning disabilities, tumors growing in and on his body, therapies, countless doctor's visits, sedated MRI's every three months to check on the lesions (tumors) in his brain and spine, migraines, and recently pain throughout his body; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver is a hero who wakes up every single day with a smile and faces life with a pure innocence and awe and gives 100% to everything he does, and he has asked if awareness could be brought to this neurological disorder which is one of the most common disorders that no one has ever heard of; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Tumor Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to finding effective treatments for the millions of people worldwide living with neurofibromatosis, has announced that, in honor of May Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month, buildings, bridges and monuments across the globe will light up in blue and green, the official colors of NF; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has lit the downtown Gazebo with blue and green lenses to raise awareness of Neurofibromatosis during the month of May.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2021, as

## NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Ocala and I urge all citizens to wear blue and green and shine a green and blue light wherever they can in May.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala