



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Beta Sigma Phi was founded in 1931 during the Great Depression out of the need for an organization that could bring women together and expose them to a social, cultural and educational climate that was not available in those difficult times; and

WHEREAS, Beta Sigma Phi has grown into an international organization for women with 86,464 active members; and

WHEREAS, Beta Sigma Phi has 279 chapters in the state of Florida with 2,6010 active members. In the City of Ocala there are 9 chapters with 85 members. Each year the chapters in Ocala raise approximately \$5,000 for various local charities and donate an average of 1,200 volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, Beta Sigma Phi of Florida will hold a state convention in Ocala on October 1-3, 2021, at the Ocala Hilton Hotel to celebrate their 90th anniversary. The convention theme is "Off to the Races" and will highlight the role of the horse industry in Ocala and Marion County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala welcomes the delegates and applauds Beta Sigma Phi for its social and cultural work both locally and internationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of Ocala, do hereby proclaim October 1-3, 2021 as

BETA SIGMA PHI DAY

and I call upon the people of Ocala to recognize and participate in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of October 2021.

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala

