

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, the Ocala Lions Club will celebrate its 95th anniversary of affiliation with Lion Clubs International, the world's largest humanitarian organization – more than 1.4 million members in over 200 countries across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Ocala Lions Club accepted and has met, and will continue to meet the challenge of: (1) Lions Club International founder, Melvin Jones, to work to improve our communities; (2) Helen Keller, to become the "Knights of the Blind" to aid the blind and visually impaired; and (3) Lions Club International Leadership, to provide screenings for sight, hearing and diabetes control and preventions; and

WHEREAS, the Ocala Lions Club has been a visible and vital part of the Ocala community, as well as Marion County, during its 95 years of existence through a variety of programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Ocala Lions Club conducts a variety of annual fundraising events to finance its charitable endeavors, including the Ocala Lions Jerry Cullison Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Ocala Lions club has promoted and has been active in the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ocala Lions Club has had numerous members serve in Lions State, District and Multiple District Leadership positions over the years.

**NOW, THERFORE,** I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2021, as

## OCALA LIONS CLUB APPRECIATION DAY

In Ocala and I am happy to join with others in the community in applauding the club's 95 years of service to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the city of

Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 21st day of October 2021.

