



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Florida Marching Band Championships was established in 1997 as the Florida Marching Band Coalition. The vision of founder Jon Kersten and his family was to inspire all those within the activity to recognize, appreciate, and to grow from their experiences as they interact with other outstanding marching bands in the country; and

WHEREAS, the organization was created to provide a first-class, consistent, and engaging competitive experience for Florida's high school marching bands; and

WHEREAS, 2021 is the 24th year to hold this State Championship. A total of 29 Regional events will be held through the fall for bands to perform in and to qualify to attend the season ending State Championship competition that will determine who the Class Champions are; and

WHEREAS, this year the two-day event will be held at the World Equestrian Center. There will be 70 high school bands performing in the preliminaries, two college bands in exhibition, with finals to be held in the evening; and

WHEREAS, these bands come from Pensacola, Jacksonville, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Naples, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Alachua, and the Marion County area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 20-21, 2021, as

FLORIDA MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY

in Ocala in recognition of the band's 24th anniversary, and I applaud these remarkable and dedicated students and coaches for providing the wonderful gift of a fierce music performance 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 20th day of November 2021.

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala

