



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness acknowledges that the National Health Care for the Homeless Council and the National Coalition for the Homeless have recognized Homeless Persons' Memorial Day (December 21) for the last 30 years to mourn those who have died and to renew our commitment to assist those who are homeless to become self-sufficient and acquire housing; and

WHEREAS, no life should be lived or lost in homelessness. The winter poses extreme hardship for unsheltered and inadequately housed low-income men, women, and children in the City of Ocala; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding our commitment to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Ocala are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, in remembering those who have died on the streets, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent as is the City's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future.

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

HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

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 December 2021.



Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala