



Proclamation

WHEREAS: On October 25, 2020, Ocala, Florida lost a City Leader and dedicated Public Servant, Chief Greg Graham whose legacy lives on in this community in three key areas of health, service, and impact; and

WHEREAS: Chief Greg Graham was committed to the physical and mental health of the community's youth and was actively engaged in projects benefiting the youth. Chief Greg Graham served on numerous boards of directors for nonprofits, worked with countless community programs and lead the Ocala Police Department by his example. In 2018, Chief Greg Graham established the Heroin/Opioid Amnesty Program to assist those in our community struggling with addiction; and

WHEREAS: In November of 2020, the Chief Greg Graham Legacy Foundation and Fund were established to honor the work that Chief Greg Graham started and to continue his vision in this community by funding & supporting projects that he held a passion for; and

WHEREAS: The Marion Cultural Alliance (MCA) desired to honor Chief Greg Graham for his service, leadership, and commitment to our community, proposed a partnership with the Chief Greg Graham Legacy Foundation to commission a *Horse Fever* public art piece; and

WHEREAS: 'Legacy' was conceived by artist Derek Grimsley following conversations with Mrs. Amy Graham, Chief Balken, and Laurie Zink, MCA Horse Fever Chairman, and represents Chief Greg Graham's love of family, community, scuba diving, water skiing, flying, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS: 'Legacy' has 'traveled' to many area businesses raising funds and awareness for the Chief Greg Graham Legacy Foundation which focuses on health, service, and impact initiatives. This newest member of the *Horse Fever* herd will now be on public display at the Ocala Police Department Headquarters, keeping the legacy of Chief Greg Graham alive and providing inspiration for the men and women in blue, as well as providing awareness and hope for those committed to improving self and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby encourage residents to honor the positive impact Chief Greg Graham had on the City of Ocala and inspire residents to continue his legacy for years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 18th day of January 2022.



Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala