

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, recreation and parks facilities and programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, recreation and parks programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease and contribute to our mental, emotional, and physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, recreation and parks facilities and services increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community, contributing to improved water and air quality, and providing buffers to development, habitats for wildlife and places for children and adults to connect with nature; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala recognizes these, and other benefits derived from recreation and parks resources, and the employees and volunteers who work diligently to provide these services on a daily basis.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of July 2022 in the City of Ocala as

## RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

Kent Guinn, Mayor City of Ocala

