

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala recognizes that an understanding, use and application of geospatial technology is crucial to operating our infrastructure, sustaining our natural resources, and stimulating economic growth, thus, benefitting the welfare of the general public throughout Ocala; and

WHEREAS, geographic information systems (GIS) technology allows us to see and model complex relationships and patterns to more intelligently respond; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education and technical training to use this rapidly developing technology to its full potential; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala acknowledges those that have chosen GIS as their profession or as part of their discipline to improve the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, to recognize and support the efforts of nonprofits who work on activities to improve conservation, human services, and various humanitarian efforts to better our world; and

WHEREAS, having a day of GIS activities open to students, citizens, and government leaders will help promote STEM education and inspire others to a higher calling to use technology for good; and

WHEREAS, City of Ocala is committed to utilizing GIS to inform decision making and better serve its residents and make useful geographic information open and easily available to the public, as a platform for innovation.

**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 16, 2022, as

## **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) DAY**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

Kent Guinn, Mayor City of Ocala