

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala joins other cities across our great state and nation to honor community volunteers during National Volunteer Week. We celebrate and pay tribute to the amazing efforts that volunteers put forth, each and every day; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism strengthens communities, improves social problems, and enhances the overall quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, volunteering changes the lives of volunteers in a positive way, increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and physical wellbeing, offering the chance to meet new friends and associates and providing opportunities to learn new skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism is proven to have a positive influence on businesses that are socially responsible, increasing employee morale, loyalty and teamwork and building goodwill toward the community; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits, charities, community and faith-based groups, schools, volunteer centers and national service programs in Ocala have joined together with state and local governments in celebration and praise of volunteers who have given tirelessly and selflessly to the service of others.

**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 April 2023 to be

## **VOLUNTEER MONTH**

in Ocala and I call upon the people of Ocala to promote the spirit of volunteerism, and to observe the month with appropriate activities, programs, and ceremonies.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

Kent Guinn, Mayor City of Ocala