



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala takes great pride in the diversity of people, cultures, and traditions represented by its residents; and

WHEREAS, National Arab American Heritage Month is observed throughout the United States each April to highlight the substantial contributions Arab Americans have made to every facet of life; and

WHEREAS, between the years 1800-1924 over 20 million immigrants came to the United States of America, with approximately 95,000 of them from the Greater Syria region, known as today's present-day Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and Palestine; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have enriched our society by sharing in our nation's entrepreneurial spirit, bringing their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and strength to our great constitutional republic; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American life, including medicine, education, the science, business, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans occupy positions of leadership and responsibility throughout our system of government, setting fine examples of public service at the local, state, and national levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim that April 2023, as

“ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”

in Ocala and encourage all citizens to celebrate the accomplishments of Arab Americans in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of April 2023.

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala

