



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, established in 1964, Older Americans' Month (OAM) is celebrated every May. This year's theme is "Aging Unbound;" and

**WHEREAS**, The Senior Resource Foundation of Ocala is an organization designed to include seniors in all aspects of 21<sup>st</sup>-century life. From active participation in fundraising events to learning today's technology, they encourage an engaged presence and a forward-looking perspective; and

**WHEREAS**, led by the Administration for Community Living, OAM is a time to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of older Americans, highlight important trends, and strengthen our commitment to honoring our older citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their time, wisdom, and experience to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala recognizes the need to create a community that offers the services and supports older adults in their needs to make choices about how they age; and

**WHEREAS**, we can work to build an even better community for our older residents by not limiting our thinking about aging, and embracing our community's diversity.

**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 May 2023 as

## **OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH**

in the City of Ocala and I urge every resident to celebrate our older citizens, help to create an inclusive society, and accept the challenge of flexible thinking around aging

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2023.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala