

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Ocala, Florida, place high value on local control of community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric utility; and

WHEREAS, Ocala Electric Utility provides electricity as a public service provider in a caring, yet business-like manner, and continue to provide the citizens of Ocala and Marion County with reliable energy at a competitive price; and

WHEREAS, Ocala Electric Utility's emphasis will always be on meeting customers' changing service requirement and needs. It is committed to exceeding the expectations of our customers who are also our family members, neighbors, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Ocala Electric Utility provides reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity; and

WHEREAS, Ocala Electric Utility is a valuable community asset that contributes to the well-being of local citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ocala Electric Utility will continue to work to bring lower-cost, safe, reliable electricity to community homes and businesses just as it has since 1898, the year when the utility was created, to serve all the citizens of Ocala; and

**WHEREAS,** Ocala Electric Utility's mission will be accomplished through our commitment to quality and outstanding service in a continually changing environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 1 - 7, 2023 as:

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to recognize Ocala Electric Utility for its contributions to the community and recognize the benefits of public power, and I urge that our community join hands with more than 2,000 other public power systems in the United States in this celebration of public power.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of

Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023.



Kent Guinn, Mayor City of Ocala