



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month, also known as African American History Month, is observed annually across the United States in February and serves as a celebration honoring the many accomplishments and contributions made by generations of Black Americans and other people of African descent; and

WHEREAS, citizens will gain further knowledge and understanding of African American History; and

WHEREAS, such understanding of African American History can strengthen the perception of all citizens regarding the issues of human rights and the struggles to eliminate barriers of racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, as we journey towards a more unified nation, let us continue to recognize the contributions of African Americans in history as a reminder for meaningful dialogue and a collective commitment towards the advancement of uniform policies and practices that create opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, we are thankful for the countless contributions of African Americans in Ocala, Florida and throughout this nation during this month and throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Marciano, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and I urge all residents to work together to make Ocala, Florida a great place to live, play and prosper.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of January 2024.



Ben Marciano

Ben Marciano, Mayor
City of Ocala