



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all residents of the City of Ocala depend on farmers to produce the food and fiber necessary for health, safety and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, agriculture significantly effects our local economy, employing 33,740 people with an economic impact of \$ 1.7 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the equine and cattle industry are big economic drivers but forest products, with over 400,000 acres of timberland, also contribute substantially to economic value; and

WHEREAS, the practice of agriculture results in water recharge that is essential to surface and ground water.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim **November 21 – 28, 2019**, as

“FARM CITY™ WEEK”

in Ocala and remind everyone that producers and consumers share a unique interdependence, for one cannot exist without the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 5th day of November 2019.



Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala