



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, all Marion County citizens 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 contributes substantially to economic value; and

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

**WHEREAS**, as part of Farm City Week celebration Mr. Gus Gray and Mr. Jerry Arthur will be inducted into the Marion County Agriculture Hall of Fame for their contributions to the agriculture industry;

**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 18 – 25, 2020**, as

## “FARM CITY™ WEEK”

in the City of Ocala and I call on all citizens, as they gather with their families and friends during this season of Thanksgiving, to remember the value a strong agriculture industry brings to Ocala’s economy while ensuring a healthy diet for all citizens and I 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala