

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ocala Elks Lodge #286 has been in existence in the Ocala area for 125 years since it was chartered under the national Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks on July 11, 1895; and

WHEREAS, Ocala Elks Lodge #286 is a non-profit corporation duly incorporated as such under the laws of the State of Florida, and has its place of operation in the City of Ocala, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Ocala Elks Lodge #286 invests in programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, supports today's veterans, imparts lessons of hard work and dedication to community and faith in God; and

**WHEREAS**, Ocala Elks Lodge #286 has brought families and neighbors together, provided charitable donations, support and assistance to much-needed programs, donated time, supplies and money to disasters, and relief to those affected, both locally as well as throughout our state, over the past 125 years.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida do hereby proclaim that July 11, 2020 be known as

## THE 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OCALA ELKS LODGE #286

in recognition of the honor and respect that Ocala Elks Lodge #286 deserves for its service, support, contributions, commitment and dedication to our community over the past 125 years.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

Kent Guinn, Mayor City of Ocala