

Proclamation

WHEREAS, philanthropy is a hallmark of American character, and central to how a community meets its challenges; and

WHEREAS, philanthropic giving has been part of our community's history as long as we have existed; and

WHEREAS, leaders across the nation are increasingly recognizing service and charitable giving for the vital roles they play in meeting county and city needs; and

WHEREAS, a federal recognition of National Philanthropy Day occurs in November each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Americans contributed more than \$444 billion to charitable organizations, marking the sixth consecutive year of growth; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits account for 1 out of every 10 jobs in the American workforce; and

WHEREAS, the lives of every citizen are impacted by nonprofits in some form or another, from museums, concerts, houses of worship, community sports leagues, and youth enrichment programs, to social services that provide food, clothing, housing, training, employment, and health care to those less fortunate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of November 16-22, 2020 as

PHILANTHROPY WEEK

in the City of Ocala and I encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of charitable giving in our city, to thank those who serve and to find ways to give back to the community.

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 November 2020.

Kent Guinn, Mayor City of Ocala