



# 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 that has been marginalized from the mainstream; 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, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 2022 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2022.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala