



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, The National Trust for Historic Preservation established May as Historic Preservation Month in 1973 as a way to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling nation and community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, Historic Preservation Month can instill awareness of the local historically significant buildings and landmarks to the residents of Ocala and surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Ocala is fortunate to have four registered National Historic Districts, and nine historic sites; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as:

## **Historic Preservation Month**

in the City of Ocala and call upon the people of Ocala to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala