



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala will join the state to honor the men and women who risk their lives daily to ensure reliable delivery of electricity throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, this profession demands passion, dedication and ongoing training and requires our Lineworkers to work the lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing; and

WHEREAS, there are 117 Ocala Electric Utility (OEU) employees who serve approximately 54,000 customers in the Ocala Electric Utility service territory; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting and proper that the City of Ocala set aside a special day to recognize and honor these dedicated professionals. On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, OEU will honor its employees with an appreciation luncheon; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Florida House of Representatives voted to designate August 26 as the annual "Lineworker Appreciation Day" to honor the thousands of men and women who risk their lives every day. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has consistently listed utility line work as one of the most dangerous jobs in the country; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who serve as lineworkers aid not only their communities but others across the state and country. When disasters strike, lineworkers leave their families and homes to travel to neighboring cities and states – and even abroad-working long hours under dangerous conditions to help restore power; and

WHEREAS, the public is encouraged to recognize Florida lineworkers on this day of appreciation by using social media hashtags #ThankALineman, #LineworkerAppreciationDay and #LineLife; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Marciano, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2024, as:

FLORIDA LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

in the City of Ocala and call upon the people of Ocala to show their appreciation for the work done day in and day out by these dedicated workers by recognizing line workers throughout Ocala.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 20th day of August 2024.



Ben Marciano

Ben Marciano, Mayor
City of Ocala