

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion serves as a vital resource and advocate for charitable giving within Marion County, Florida, promoting philanthropy to enhance the quality of life for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Give4Marion Day is an annual event hosted by The Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion, which inspires and mobilizes our community to support local nonprofits by providing a platform for fundraising, awareness, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Give4Marion Day exemplifies the spirit of unity, compassion, and generosity that characterizes the citizens of Ocala/Marion County, encouraging everyone to come together to make a positive impact on our community; over the past 4 years Give4Marion has raised over \$3 million dollars for local nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Give4Marion Day has become a cherished tradition in Ocala/Marion County, fostering collaboration between nonprofits, local businesses, and residents to address critical needs and improve the well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala, Florida, recognizes the invaluable contributions of The Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion and the importance of Give4Marion Day in supporting the nonprofit sector, enhancing our community, and strengthening the bonds among our residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, **I, Ben Marciano**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2024, as:

## **Give4Marion Day**

in the City of Ocala and urge all residents to participate in Give4Marion Day by donating to local nonprofits, volunteering their time and talents, and spreading the word about this important community event. Together, we can make a difference and ensure a brighter future for all.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Ben Marciano, Mayor City of Ocala

