



Proclamation

WHEREAS, James Melton was raised and educated in Ocala and Marion County, graduating from Ocala High School; and

WHEREAS, Melton achieved national fame as a singer, including at one time being proclaimed the most popular vocalist in the land by radio critics. He went on to perform for such legendary troupes as the Ziegfeld Follies and the Metropolitan Opera, as well as numerous top radio programs and reached silver screen acclaim in numerous movie musicals; and

WHEREAS, Melton exhibited his patriotism by leading numerous war bond drives and performing for our troops during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Melton achieved such stardom that he has not one, but two stars on the illustrious Hollywood Walk of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Melton was a pioneer in what has become a national pastime of car collecting, which has millions of enthusiasts today; and

WHEREAS, Melton was a megastar in his heyday in the 1930s and 1940s, with remarkable success in recording, stage, film and TV, bringing pride and recognition to his hometown of Ocala; and

WHEREAS, Melton is being honored with a plaque on Ocala's Walk of Fame;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Marciano, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 10, 2024, as:

JAMES MELTON DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of October 2024.

Ben Marciano

Ben Marciano, Mayor
City of Ocala

