

Resolution

WHEREAS, Fort King was constructed by the United States Army in 1827 to serve as a buffer between the Seminole and the European American settlers; and

WHEREAS, the fort fell into disuse after 1829 but was activated as an important base in the 1830s for the United States Army removal of the Seminole to Indian Territory west of the Mississippi River as part of the Treaty of Payne's Landing; and

WHEREAS, it was at Fort King in December 1835 that Seminole leader Osceola ambushed and killed Andrew Jackson's Indian agent, Wiley Thompson, hence sparking the seven-year battle known as the Second Seminole War; and

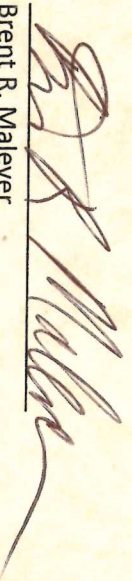
WHEREAS, abandoned for nearly a year between 1836 and 1837 after the Seminole burned it, the fort was reconstructed and remained functional until the war's end in 1842; and

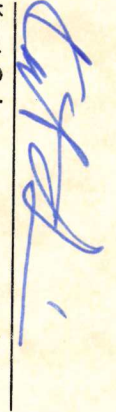
WHEREAS, in 1844, Fort King was designated the county seat of the newly formed Marion County and served as the County's first courthouse; and

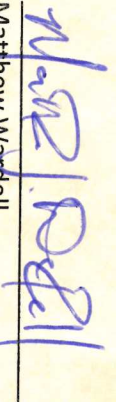
WHEREAS, Fort King was designated a National Historic Landmark on February 24, 2004 and the site which is located on about forty acres just north of Fort King Street in Ocala features a visitor center, trail, picnic area, markers, monuments and now a replica of the second fort.

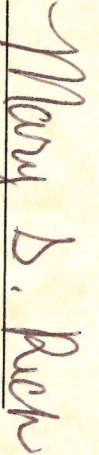
NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and the Ocala City Council do hereby publicly recognize the week of **November 27th through December 3rd 2017** as **Fort King Heritage Week in Ocala**, and we applaud the contributions of all the individuals, organizations and businesses who have contributed to the preservation of our local, state and national heritage at the Fort King National Historic Landmark.

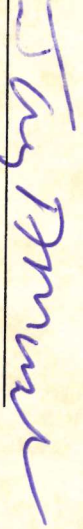
THIS RESOLUTION signed this 21st day of November, 2017.


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