



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Marshall Zackery was born on July 26, 1993 in Ocala, Florida and at two and a half months old suffered a traumatic brain injury that resulted in a diagnosis of mild Cerebral Palsy and Visual Impairment; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshall attended elementary and middle school in Marion County and then transferred to Florida School for Deaf and Blind (FSDB) in St. Augustine, Florida where he was an achiever in both academics and athletics; and

**WHEREAS**, during his senior year, Marshall was awarded the Terrell Acree Award for his character both on and off the field and continues to motivate and inspire others with and without differences to dream and work hard to reach their goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshall was discovered by his coach, Paralympic Coach Tony McCall and Paralympian Gold winner, Regas Woods, while working out at "Too Your Health Spa" gym, in February 2017, and both recognized his strong work ethic and commitment and saw the potential that Marshall had to become a professional athlete; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshall debuted in the Grand Prix race in Mesa, Arizona on May 12-13, 2017 and set an American record in the 100m race for T-35 classification and won a gold medal in both the 100m and 200m and on June 2-3, 2017, he participated in the National Paralympic games in Los Angeles, California where he received first place in both the 100m and 200m, again reaching an American record that hadn't been achieved in the 200m since 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, these qualifications earned Marshall an opportunity to be invited to attend the World Paralympic team in London representing the USA and Ocala on July 19, 2017 when he placed fourth in the 200m for the international completion and fourth in the 100m, and Marshall has already started to prepare for the next Paralympics Games.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby publicly recognize Marshall Zackery for his remarkable achievements and I join others in this community in applauding him for the successes that he has earned through the committed use of his gifts and talents.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

  
Kent Guinn  
Mayor

