

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month affords special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about black heritage, and to honor the many black leaders who have contributed to the progress of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, such knowledge can strengthen the insight of all our citizens regarding the issues of human rights, the great strides that have been made in the crusade to eliminate the barriers of equality for minority groups, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination and poverty; and

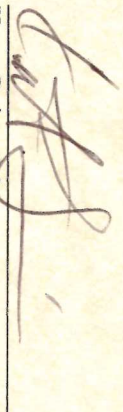
**WHEREAS**, as we journey toward a more united nation, let us use this commemoration of Black History Month to serve as a reminder of the need for meaningful dialogue and shared commitment to actions that uplift and empower all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 2018 as

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and I urge residents to join together in this period of rededication to the principles of justice and equality for all people.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

  
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Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala

