



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2018, a former student entered Forest High School and fired a weapon through the locked door of Ms. Jennifer Hadden's classroom injuring a student; and

**WHEREAS**, teacher Kelly McManis-Panasuk approached the shooter in the hallway, talked with him and escorted him away from the gun; and

**WHEREAS**, School Resource Officer Jimmy Long arrived within three minutes and apprehended the shooter, and teachers followed ALICE protocol and locked classroom doors protecting their students, and teachers and administration throughout the school took immediate action to further protect and comfort their students; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders from Ocala Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Fire Rescue, the FBI, and FHP arrived quickly and worked seamlessly to care for the victim, secure the scene, and clear every classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, parents of Forest High School students gathered at First Baptist Church to be reunited with their children, and were calm and respectful throughout the process; and

**WHEREAS**, the community and Marion County Public Schools worked together to ensure crisis counselors were available for every student in need when they returned to school the following week; and

**WHEREAS**, students subsequently moved to action and engaged their community with many different events after the shooting; and

**WHEREAS**, Forest High School is very proud that many of their graduates have gone on to become business owners, health care professionals, law enforcement officers, teachers and leaders in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2018 to be

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and ask citizens of the City of Ocala to show their support for Forest High School's teachers, students, and parents.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ocala, Florida to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala  
Forest High School  
Class of '73

