



Proclamation

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, prevention of mental and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 69,804 people in Marion County, Florida are affected by these conditions; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), invite all residents of the City of Ocala, Florida to participate in *National Recovery Month*.

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

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

in Ocala and call upon the people of Ocala to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's *Recovery Month* theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities*."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 3rd day of September 2018.

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala

