

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, over 5.7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, including an estimated 540,000 individuals in the State of Florida of which an estimated 32,000 are in the Central and North Florida area; and

**WHEREAS**, every 65 seconds, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 in the United States, 16.1 million caregivers provided an estimated 18.4 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than 232 billion dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, in Florida, over 1.1 million caregivers provided over 1 billion hours of unpaid care valued at an estimated 18.4 billion dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is the most expensive disease in the United States and in 2018 the direct costs to American society will total an estimated 277 billion dollars; and


**WHEREAS**, The State of Florida and the City of Ocala recognize the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association and its annual Walk to End Alzheimer's held this year on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Tusawilla Park to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 29<sup>th</sup> as

## WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S DAY

and I congratulate all attendees in the City of Ocala who have participated in raising awareness in our community through the Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

  
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Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala

