

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the birth date of Arthur I. Appleton was October 14, 1915; and

WHEREAS, he was born and raised in Chicago, he worked with Ocala community leaders, Jim Kirk, Dick Chazal, Jim Jernigan and Doug Oswald to establish Ocala as the home for the Appleton Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, he founded the Appleton Museum of Art in 1982 as a gift to the Ocala community, including his donation of 18,000 art objects; and

WHEREAS, the Appleton Museum of Art is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and ranked in the top six percent of museums in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Appleton Museum of Art welcomes over 40,000 visitors of all ages annually; and

WHEREAS, its economic impact to the community is \$2.37 million annually and 80 full-time jobs; and


WHEREAS, the Appleton Museum of Art will provide free entry into the museum for Ocala residents on October 14, 2018 in memory of Arthur I. Appleton.

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 14th day of October 2018, as

Arthur I. Appleton Day

in the City of Ocala and I invite all citizens of Ocala to reflect upon and remember the contributions of Arthur I. Appleton and the impact he has had upon the City of Ocala.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of October 2018.


Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala

