



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rhodia Williams Hall will reach the magnificent age of 90 years on October 4, 2018 and will be honored by family relatives and friends when they celebrate this momentous occasion on October 6th, and

WHEREAS, Rhodia Louise Williams was born in Fairfield, Florida, the 7th child of Henry and Anna Williams, and her other siblings are Janie, James, Andrew, Essie, Rosetta, Nancy, Elena and Pelham; and

WHEREAS, Rhodia graduated from Howard Academy in Ocala, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Rhodia Williams married Charlie Hall who retired as a Master Sergeant after a 26 year military career with the United States Army prior to his death in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the marriage produced three children, Grendeline Louise, Charlie, Jr. and Beverly Jene, and, being a military family, the children were raised in the states of Georgia, Florida and Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Hall family ultimately made their permanent home in Florida where Rhodia has been a resident of Ocala and a member of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Rhodia has served her community for more than 36 years in the role of Poll Clerk, having been named the first American of African descent to hold such a position in 1972.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby publicly recognize Rhodia Williams Hall for reaching the wondrous age of 90 and I urge citizens to join me in paying tribute to her.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of October 6, 2018.

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala

