



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Poole was born July 22, 1937, to Dominay and Rezella Poole, one of eight children, who grew up in the Blitchton community and passed from this earth on November 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Poole was a graduate of the Fessenden High School Class of 1956, and a graduate of the University of South Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Health; and

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Poole retired from the Lowell Correctional Institution, Florida Department of Corrections as a Warden, and from the United States Army with the rank of Command Sergeant Major; and

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Poole will always be remembered for his involvement as a civil rights activist in Ocala/Marion County as well as the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Poole had a list of "first black" accolades, to name a few: First black soldier to enter the 3396 USAR Reception Station, 1963, Gainesville, FL; First Black to be appointed as the Fourth District Commander of the American Legion Department of Florida, 1973; First Black elected as Chairman of Florida Council on Vocational Education, Tallahassee, 1976; First black elected Chairman of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, 1985; First black appointed Superintendent, A.K.A. Warden, State Prison for Women, 1992; and

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Poole served as President, Chair, or Commander of numerous boards, and organizations in the Ocala/Marion County area (i.e., Florida Voters League, Inc., Marion County Voters League, Veterans Helping Veterans, American Legion, Post #210, along with his participation in numerous other civic and social organizations); and

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Poole leaves behind, six children, eighteen grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren, two brothers, four sisters, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends; and

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Poole lived his life to the fullest, and was committed to help improve the quality of life for all citizens of Ocala, Marion County and the State of Florida;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, present this Proclamation to the family of Eugene A. Poole, for his service and dedication to the betterment of the Ocala/Marion County area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 27th day of November 2018.


Kent Guinn
Mayor

