



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Jim Haley, the most beloved basketball coach in Florida prep history, passed away on November 4, 2018 at age 74; and

**WHEREAS**, the man known as "Chief", has an extensive legacy of attributes and accomplishments that stretches across the globe several times; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Haley will be missed by not only his own players and coaches, media and fans across the state, but by his opponents also, as he always promoted players no matter if they were his or not; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim joined Marion County Public Schools in 1973 and coached his entire career at Vanguard High School, retiring in 2009 after a 36-year career; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to multiple state championships, Jim also started the Kingdom of the Sun Basketball Tournament, now in its 44th year; and

**WHEREAS**, to honor him and his legacy, Vanguard named Jim Haley Court after him in 2016 where he launched Vanguard's Class 3A basketball teams to state championships, in 1977, 1978 and 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Haley Court served as the court for the service that was held on November 17, 2018 to celebrate Jim Haley's life and the impact he had on thousands of Marion County students and coaching colleagues.

**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 Jim Haley posthumously for being a highly respected, highly admired and cherished coach and member of the Ocala/Marion County community where his legacy and contributions will live on forever.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala

