



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the modern concept of town twinning conceived after the Second World War was intended to foster friendship and understanding between different cultures as an act of peace; and

WHEREAS, town twinning encourages tourism, exchange of ideas and information of a sporting, social, cultural and commercial nature for the mutual benefit and development of both communities; and

WHEREAS, ten years ago on February 16, 2009, a Twinning Agreement was signed between the Town of Newbridge in County Kildare, Ireland, and the City of Ocala, in Marion County, Florida, because of the equestrian sporting ties that unite both communities; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the past decade, both communities have regularly engaged in exchange programs in Newbridge and Ocala by sending delegations to participate in activities that have resulted in the formation of friendships, commerce, goodwill, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, both communities are proud of the accomplishments that have been achieved since the establishment of the Twinning Agreement as well as the personal bonds that have been developed among the visiting delegations,

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 month of February as

Ocala/Newbridge Twinning Month

and I invite residents of Ocala to participate in activities as a result of the Twinning Agreement as we look forward to its continued success in years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of February 2019.

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala

