WHEREAS, the City of Ocala and Marion County Board of County Commissioners jointly own the Fort King National Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, Fort King served as an important military base in the early 1800’s up to and during the Seminole Wars and in 1844 was designated the county seat of the newly formed Marion County; and

WHEREAS, preservation and interpretation of historic resources is a high priority for local government; and

WHEREAS, the Fort King Heritage Association, Inc. has been dedicated to assisting local government with acquisition and development of the Fort King National Historic Landmark and fervently advocating for Fort King in the community; and

WHEREAS, David Laffey was an active member of the Fort King Heritage Association for five years and served as the association’s president from 2015 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, David Laffey was a leader whose mindful consideration to the service of others has resulted in a vision for the Fort King National Historic Landmark that will serve as his legacy for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and the Ocala City Council do hereby recognize David Laffey’s contributions to the community and retrospectively applaud his efforts to preserve our local, state and national heritage at the Fort King National Historic Landmark.

THIS RESOLUTION issued this 19th day of February 2019.