



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, safe, clean and sustainable water resources are essential to Florida's environment, economy, citizens and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, although Florida's water supplies are finite, the state's population and need for water resources continue to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, water reuse provides a means for conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water resources and is key to the state's sustainable water future; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has established the encouragement and promotion of water reuse as state objectives in Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala produces six million gallons of reuse water a day for a beneficial purpose including irrigation of golf courses, residential lots, municipal parks, a future groundwater recharge park, environmental enhancement and other green space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection recognizes that the third full week in May (May 19-25, 2019) is Florida Water Reuse Week, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala has joined with, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the St. Johns River Water Management District in encouraging and promoting water reuse and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala has implemented innovated efforts in its water reuse program and encourages efficient and effective use of reclaimed water; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kent Guinn, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, hereby proclaim May 19 – 25, 2019 as

## **WATER REUSE WEEK**

and I urge every citizen and visitor to become more aware of the need to save our precious water supply and take appropriate measures to conserve and protect this vital resource.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019.

Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala

