

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Kevant Gross, a senior at North Marion High School, was accepted to the prestigious Disney Dreamers Academy, a four-day program at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando for exceptional students ages 13 to 19; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Disney Dreamers Academy, the things that make a Dreamer stand out are intellectual curiosity – a love for learning and creativity; compassion – caring for those around you; courage – facing obstacles with poise and maturity; a positive outlook and a generous spirit; and optimism about the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevant has performed many community service hours, is a member of the National Honor Society, has taken Leadership classes, and will soon begin studies for his Bachelor's in Business Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, out of thousands of submissions, only 100 youth are selected each year to attend the workshops and seminars led by business professionals, artists, celebrities, sports figures and leaders in other fields; and

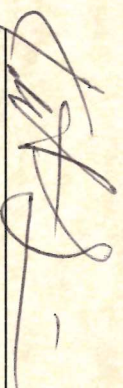
**WHEREAS**, Kevant's submission essays outlining his life and challenges, ambitions and inspirations, were key elements in his selection into the academy; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevant's local mentor and NMHS inclusion teacher Marlene Morrison encouraged him to apply for the Academy because despite everything he's been through in life he never gave up and she thinks his self-motivation is what made him stand out; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevant wants to emulate those whose achievements and generosity he admires and he plans to use his experience as motivation to create his own company and inspire and help others who need a hand up and find more ways to give back to his community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby recognize Kevant Gross for his remarkable achievement and I join others in this community in wishing him every success in his future goals and aspirations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019.

  
Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala

