



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, recreation and parks programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Ocala, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, our recreation and parks are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

**WHEREAS**, recreation and parks programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, recreation and parks programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, recreation and parks areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala recognizes the benefits derived from recreation and parks resources.

**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 July 2019 in the City of Ocala as

## RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala