Proclamation

WHEREAS, Estella Byrd Whitman Wellness & Community Resource Center is a 501 © (3) not-for-profit organization that CEO Carolyn Adams and her late husband, Arthur Adams, and Dr. Pamela Lewin worked faithfully to make a reality; and

WHEREAS, this reality was tremendously assisted by acquiring a beautiful triple wide module from Summer Glenn Properties that was relinquished by Karla Grimsley of Interfaith as well as the donation of $15,000 by Norton McNeal, and the Facility now occupies a refurbished double wide Modular building at 819 NW 7th Street, Ocala FL 34475; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala and another generous benefactor, Jerry Lourenco, of Friends Foundation, have assisted in taking this project to a higher level by supporting it and allowing for the purchase of this building; and

WHEREAS, the Estella Byrd Whitman Wellness & Community Resource Center is dedicated to helping provide a Medical and Dental Clinic for the community in North West Ocala and a Wellness Center for the larger Ocala area; and

WHEREAS, this includes providing care for low income citizens and a range of other services for the purpose of improving the quality of their lives so that they can become self-sufficient, without regard to health insurance status or the ability to pay for care in an area which has a high level of unemployment and the lowest household income in all of Ocala; and

WHEREAS, the Estella Byrd Whitman Wellness & Community Resource Center and Friends Foundation are actively seeking additional funds to help this medical and dental clinic by preparing a program for the 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on July 27th, 2019, at Ocala Golf Course, 3130 E Silver Springs Blvd. Ocala, Florida, 34470.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, do hereby proclaim July 27th, 2019 as

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in Ocala, and I urge all citizens to support these organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 27th day of July 2019.

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala