



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Year 2011 marked the Sesquicentennial of the civil conflict that tore the nation in two; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is the time during which the Confederate States of America initiated and ended its four-year struggle for a sovereign and independent nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in proportion to its population, the State of Florida lent more soldiers, sailors, and livestock to the Confederate Cause than did any other Southern state; and

**WHEREAS**, April 26 has been designated by the laws of Florida as a legal holiday, Confederate Memorial Day, a time in which to honor the memories of those who sacrificed their lives in the War Between the States; and

**WHEREAS**, as we recall the tragic events that took place between the years of 1861 and 1865, we do so in an attempt to gain a better understanding of the conflicting ideals and passions that pitted brother against brother and tore a nation apart.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2019 be known as

“CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.



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Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala