



# Proclamation

**Whereas**, over 5.8 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease which includes an estimated 560,000 individuals in the State of Florida, including 13,293 here in Marion County; and

**Whereas**, every 65 seconds, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease; and

**Whereas**, in 2019 more than 16 million Americans will provide an estimated 18.5 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than 234 billion dollars; in Florida, over 1.1 million caregivers will provide more than 1 billion hours of unpaid care valued at an estimated 16.4 billion dollars; and

**Whereas**, Alzheimer's disease is the most expensive disease in the United States and in 2019 the direct costs to American society will total an estimated 290 billion dollars; and

**Whereas**, the State of Florida and City of Ocala recognize the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association and their annual Walk to End Alzheimer's held this year on Saturday September 21, 2019 at Tuscawilla Park to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 21<sup>st</sup> as

## Walk to End Alzheimer's Day

and I congratulate all attendees who have participated in raising awareness in our community through the Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's in the City of Ocala on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala