WHEREAS, all children in Ocala should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and

WHEREAS, Ocala recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Ocala to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Ocala; and

WHEREAS, Ocala is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and

WHEREAS, Ocala has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 26 – February 1, 2020 to be OCALA SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 14th day of January, 2020.

[Signature]

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala