Proclamation

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of Ocala Fire Rescue are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine and follow-up care through the Community Paramedicine program, the Narcan Leave Behind program, and immunization administration, among others; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2020 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

with the theme, EMS Strong: Ready Today. Preparing For Tomorrow and I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 15th day of May 2020.

Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala