



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, Ocala Fire Rescue introduced their Community Paramedicine program in partnership with AdventHealth Ocala; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Paramedicine program's purpose is to reduce health spending while improving the health status of our county's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, access to healthcare is a growing concern within our community. As a result, there has been high use of emergency services. A large portion of 911 services and subsequent emergency department visits are avoidable and results of patients seeking non-urgent care or emergency department care for conditions that could have been treated and/or prevented via a primary care provider; and

**WHEREAS**, this program targets the medically underserved who suffer from debilitating conditions that are not only caused by acute conditions, but from chronic diseases that often require ongoing care & treatment. The program is grounded in community-wide interventions aimed at disease prevention & wellness/health promotion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Paramedicine program provides patient-centric services such as alternative destinations, homeless outreach, public health collaboration, in-home patient assessments, falls assessment, readmission avoidance, & care coordination. All program initiatives are team-based, integrating multiple providers comprised of both clinical & non-clinical roles to address all the unmet needs of our community's vulnerable patients; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala, Florida recognizes AdventHealth Ocala for their generous contributions of over \$1 million in our community over the last four years to establish community paramedicine programs. Of these funds, over \$500,000 have been awarded to Ocala Fire Rescue to build and support their growing paramedicine program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Marciano**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2024, as:

## COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE RECOGNITION DAY

in the City of Ocala and urge all residents to join in recognizing the significant contributions of AdventHealth Ocala and our Ocala Fire Rescue Community Paramedicine professionals and to extend appreciation to all those keeping our community healthy.

**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 November 2024.



*Ben Marciano*

Ben Marciano, Mayor  
City of Ocala