



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala recognizes that an understanding, use and application of geospatial technology is crucial to operating our infrastructure, sustaining our natural resources, and stimulating economic growth, thus, benefitting the welfare of the general public throughout Ocala; and

**WHEREAS**, geographic information systems (GIS) technology allows us to see and model complex relationships and patterns to more intelligently respond; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education and technical training to use this rapidly developing technology to its full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala acknowledges those that have chosen GIS as their profession or as part of their discipline to improve the lives of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, to recognize and support the efforts of nonprofits who work on activities to improve conservation, human services, and various humanitarian efforts to better our world; and

**WHEREAS**, having a day of GIS activities open to students, citizens, and government leaders will help promote STEM education and inspire others to a higher calling to use technology for good; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Ocala is committed to utilizing GIS to inform decision making and better serve its residents and make useful geographic information open and easily available to the public, as a platform for innovation.

**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 20, 2024, as

## **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) 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 November 2024.



*Ben Marciano*

Ben Marciano, Mayor  
City of Ocala