



Proclamation

WHEREAS, as we set aside to celebrate Thanksgiving Day in the month of November, we reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed on us as all. During this time of the year, we are especially grateful for the generous and loving support that millions of caregivers have and continue to provide to those individuals who need help if they are to remain in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Family Caregivers Month is a time to recognize and honor the contributions of caregivers, and to encourage support and gratitude for their selfless dedication, generosity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers provide a range of assistance to young children, aging parents, adults with disabilities, and to those who need physical and emotional support, financial and medical assistance, as well as household help and transportation; and

WHEREAS, almost every resident in the City of Ocala will be a caregiver for family or friends at some point in their lives as the population of individuals over the age of sixty, including people living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, continues to increase, and

WHEREAS, the joy and rewards of family caregiving are equally met with challenges that impact a person's physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, let us celebrate and honor our caregivers and renew our efforts to protect their dignity, health, and security. These everyday heroes among us deserve our lasting gratitude and respect.

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

OCALA FAMILY CAREGIVERS' MONTH

and I urge all citizens to acknowledge the invaluable efforts of caregivers this month and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of November 2024.



Ben Marciano

Ben Marciano, Mayor
City of Ocala