



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee that housing throughout the United States should be made available to all citizens without regard to race, color, religion, gender, familiar status, disability, or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

**WHEREAS**, equality of opportunity for all is a fundamental policy of this nation, state, county and city; and

**WHEREAS**, barriers which diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights of all citizens to acquire equal housing opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, with the cooperation, commitment, and support from all its citizens, the City of Ocala endeavors to remove barriers to the enjoyment of fair and equal housing opportunities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Marciano**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as:

## FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Ocala and I encourage all citizens of our community to support and endorse Fair Housing, reaffirm their commitment to Fair Housing for all, and wholeheartedly recognize these rights and responsibilities 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025.



*Ben Marciano*

Ben Marciano, Mayor  
City of Ocala