

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, on October 21st, 2025, the Reilly Arts Center will celebrate its tenth anniversary, marking a decade since the Ocala Symphony Orchestra undertook the revitalization of the historic Ocala City Auditorium; made possible by a public-private partnership between the Ocala Symphony Orchestra and the City of Ocala, the generosity of donors, the vision of the Ocala Symphony board of directors and Music Director, Matthew Wardell; and

WHEREAS, the Reilly Arts Center has served as a cultural cornerstone for Marion County, providing exceptional performances in music, dance, theatre, and community programming, hosting 846 events; and

WHEREAS, the Reilly Arts Center has grown to include the Community Music Conservatory, expanded performance spaces, and management of Ocala's Marion Theatre, creating opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages to engage with the arts; and

WHEREAS, the venue has welcomed 333,755 guests from across Marion County and beyond, contributing to the local economy and enriching the quality of life through accessible and diverse arts experiences; and

WHEREAS, October 21, 2016, was declared as Reilly Arts Center Day in recognition of the venue's one year anniversary, and today marks the tenth anniversary of the venue's opening.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **October 21, 2025** be known as

“Reilly Arts Center Day”

in Marion County, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in recognizing and celebrating the Reilly Arts Center for its enduring impact on the cultural and artistic life of our community.

DULY PROCLAIMED this **21st** day of **October, 2025**.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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