

March 28, 2025

Mounir Bouyounes, Administrator Marion County Board of Commissioners 601 SE 25th Avenue Ocala, Florida 34471

Dear Administrator, Bouyounes:

I am writing to request Marion County's support for the 2025 Fourth of July Celebration. As you may recall, the 2024 event was a tremendous success, with an estimated crowd of 10,000. The \$20,000 grant from the Tourist Development Council assisted our efforts to elevate this to an event with a regional attraction. We are grateful for the contribution.

The 2025 event will once again take place in the Tuscawilla Park area, and we are anticipating increased regional attraction and attendance. We are requesting a contribution of \$25,000. The additional investment from the County will allow us to offset our production and entertainment expenses.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or clarification regarding our request. I appreciate your consideration, and I look forward to the possibility of working together again on this exciting event.

Sincerely

Peter Lee

Ocala City Manager