



**WHEREAS**, since becoming the fourth president of the University of Central Florida on March 1, 1992, John C. Hitt has led UCF to become a major metropolitan research university of global impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the enrollment of UCF during President Hitt's tenure has increased significantly to more than 66,000 students while the quality of academic programs, faculty and students has also increased dramatically; and

**WHEREAS**, President Hitt's drive to establish UCF as America's Leading Partnership University resulted in many collaborations to advance progress and prosperity in Central Florida, including the UCF College of Medicine and the Medical City at Lake Nona, Direct Connect to UCF, the Florida High Tech Corridor, the Central Florida Research Park, and UCF Downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, President Hitt has propelled UCF to become the nation's leader in the overall conferring of degrees, and he has awarded more degrees within the State University System of Florida than any other president in state history; and

**WHEREAS**, President Hitt's years at UCF coincide with the completion of a 45,000-seat football stadium and a 10,000-seat arena, the graduation of UCF sports to NCAA Division I, and a leading academic success rate of student-athletes among national public universities; and

**WHEREAS**, President Hitt has championed diversity and inclusion while helping to transform countless lives and livelihoods through the power of higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, over these past 26 years, President Hitt has inspired faculty, staff, students, and the community to dream big and reach for the stars; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2018, as:

## **"UCF PRESIDENT JOHN C. HITT DAY"**

in Volusia County and urge residents to join us in thanking him for his vision, innovation, inspiration and leadership that will positively influence the future of UCF for generations to come.

**Dated this 5th day of April, A.D. 2018**

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