## Alachua County Florida A Proclamation

## Declaring October 2023 as "American Pharmacists Month" in Alachua County, Florida

- **Whereas,** pharmacists are the most accessible health care providers delivering critical services to patients and contributing to the health and well-being of all people; and
- **Whereas,** pharmacists are best positioned to be the health care provider that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes, and helps to ensure patients are adherent to their medications; and serve as providers during public health emergencies; and
- *Whereas,* with a community pharmacy located within five miles of nearly all Americans, pharmacists and pharmacy personnel are best suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and are making an impact in helping patients overcome illness and live healthier lives through chronic disease management and the fully effective use of their medicines; and
- *Whereas,* today, there are over 300,000 licensed pharmacists, over 400,000 pharmacy technicians, and 47,000 student pharmacists providing care and serving as patient advocates for ensuring access to the best and safest therapy to the patients they serve; and
- **Whereas,** the American Pharmacists Association, Florida Pharmacy Association and the Alachua County Area Association of Pharmacy have declared October as American Pharmacists Month.

**Jow, therefore,** through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 2023, as "American Pharmacists Month" in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D., 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Anna Prizzia, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.