

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

**Declaring February 2, 2024, as “World Wetlands Day 2024”  
in Alachua County, Florida**

**Whereas,** the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the value of wetlands, sometimes referred to as “nature’s kidneys”; and

**Whereas,** Alachua County thanks the citizens, organizations and agencies that safeguard them, and pledge our support for their conservation and protection; and

**Whereas,** Alachua County is known for having a large range and distribution of wetland habitats, and is extraordinary in its diverse range of wetland plant and animal species; and

**Whereas,** wetlands are critical for protecting the water quality of our aquifer, local creeks, lakes, rivers, and springs, sustaining the county's ecosystem, and flood control; and

**Whereas,** Alachua County and its nine municipalities, and many non-governmental organizations, are dedicated to and are making great efforts to protect and preserve local wetlands and surface waters; and

**Whereas,** World Wetlands Day is an opportunity for citizens, government agencies and non-governmental organizations to undertake actions aimed at raising public awareness of wetland values and the benefits from these rich environmental resources.

**Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, as “World Wetlands Day 2024” in Alachua County, Florida.**

Duly proclaimed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, A.D., 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary C. Alford, Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.