

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring January 2024 as “National Human Trafficking Prevention Month” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, an important time to educate ourselves and learn how each of us can become a part of the fight to end this crime.

Whereas, Human trafficking is the unlawful act of transporting or coercing people to benefit from their work or service, typically in the form of forced labor or sexual exploitation.

Whereas, Florida ranks 3rd for reported cases of human trafficking in the United States.

Whereas, there are nonprofit organizations in Gainesville dedicated to reaching and restoring lives affected by trafficking states that the average age of a first trafficking encounter for the women they serve occurs around 15 or 16 years old.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim January 2024, as “National Human Trafficking Prevention Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 23rd day of January, A.D., 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: _____
Mary C. Alford, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.