

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

**Declaring February 19<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as  
“Hazardous Materials Awareness Week” in Alachua County, Florida**

**Whereas,** the safe use of hazardous materials is essential to citizens, business, industry and local governments to maintain economic stability and the public health and safety; and

**Whereas,** Alachua County recognizes the importance of protecting our community from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials; and

**Whereas,** it is essential to increase community preparedness so that both public and private-sector employees know how to safely protect themselves and those for whom they are responsible during an accidental or deliberate release of hazardous materials; and

**Whereas,** Representatives of Alachua County participate on the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee; and

**Whereas** The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee offers free hazardous materials emergency response training for firefighters, emergency medical, law enforcement and other public safety personnel as well as free Shelter In-Place Train-the-Trainer classes for community groups, businesses, schools and the general public as a means for increasing safety in the event of a release; and

**Whereas,** citizens need to know that emergency responders, emergency management, environmental protection, and all levels of government, schools and businesses are working together to ensure that our community is as prepared as possible to protect all citizens from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials.

**Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim February 19<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as “Hazardous Materials Awareness Week” in Alachua County, Florida.**

Duly proclaimed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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.