## Alachua County Florida A Proclamation

## Declaring May 2024 as "National Drug Court Month" in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas,	the Alachua County W. O. Beauchamp Drug Court Program was one of the first established drug court programs in the nation and continues to serve as a model for other drug courts; and
Whereas,	the Alachua County W. O. Beauchamp Drug Court has operated for 30 years to restore positive and healthy relationships between thousands of participants, their families, and the community; and
Whereas,	drug courts exhibit a documented history as the most cost-effective and successful criminal justice intervention in our nation to reduce crime; and
Whereas,	drug courts foster collaboration between criminal justice, treatment, education, and other community partners to deter drug abuse and crime; and
Whereas,	judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, court administration, law enforcement personnel, clerks of the court, corrections personnel, treatment providers, treatment court staff, and many other dedicated individuals have had a positive influence through dedication and commitment to their communities and the people they serve; and
Whereas,	Alachua County encourages citizens to recognize the participants and practitioners who make drug courts effective and the significant contributions that drug courts and other problem solving courts have made and continue to make, in reducing drug use and crime.
<b>Pow, therefore,</b> through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim May 2024, as "National Drug Court Month" in Alachua County, Florida.	
Duly proclaimed this day 14 <sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2024.	
	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
	Ву:
ATTEST:	Mary C. Alford, Chair

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Clerk