

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

### Declaring June 2024 as "Immigrant Heritage Month" in Alachua County, Florida

**Whereas,** America is the only country in the world with a heart and soul that draws from old and new. We are home to people whose ancestors have been here for thousands of years and home to people from every place on Earth. Some people came freely, some came chained by force, some came when famine struck or to flee persecution, and some came to chase dreams that are only possible here in America. We all come from somewhere, but we are all Americans; and

**Whereas,** During the month of June, we honor the contributions and celebrate the remarkable courage of our Nation's immigrants, whose hopes and dreams helped found this country and continue to push us forward today; and

**Whereas,** Immigrants keep our economy strong and help drive the success of our Nation. They ensure our safety as first responders and military service members; they maintain the health of our communities as doctors and nurses; they are there for our family members and children as educators and care workers; they feed and fuel our population as more than half of the Nation's farmworkers; they are one in five of our business owners; and they are leaders in technology, philanthropy, and media. All told, they contribute hundreds of billions of dollars in taxes each year and create millions of jobs. The ingenuity, grit, and perseverance of immigrants are driving forces in every aspect of American life; and

**Whereas,** June 2024 has been designated as Immigrant Heritage Month by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

**Now, therefore,** through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim June 2024, as "Immigrant Heritage Month" in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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.