

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

### Declaring July 2024 as “Parks and Recreation Month” in Alachua County, Florida

*Whereas,* the use of our parks and open space add balance to life, teach vital life skills and provide safe places to play; and

*Whereas,* the benefits provided by parks and open space boost the economy, enhance property values, attract new businesses, increase tourism, reduce crime, promote family values, make people happier and help residents live longer; and

*Whereas,* our parks, preserves, open spaces and trails provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

*Whereas,* July 2024 has been designated as Parks and Recreation Month by the National Recreation and Park Association and the Florida Recreation and Park Association; and celebrates the many ways park and recreation professionals across the country foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connections.

*Now, therefore,* through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim July 2024, as “Parks and Recreation Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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.