

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring October 2024 as “National Arts and Humanities Month” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, the Arts and Culture industry in Alachua County is an important driver of economic and social impact generating \$190 million in economic activity during 2022 including \$50 million in spending by arts and culture organizations and \$140 million in event-related expenditures by their audiences; and

Whereas, the non-profit arts and culture industry in Alachua County supports approximately 3,000 local jobs, providing over \$100 million in personal income to residents, and generating \$33 million in tax revenue to local, state, and federal governments; improving community well-being; and

Whereas, arts and culture strengthens the visitor economy and in Alachua County, 57% of cultural attendees are nonlocal visitors who traveled from outside Alachua County, and 52% of nonlocal attendees reported that the primary purpose of their visit was specifically to attend the cultural program where they were surveyed; and

Whereas, arts and culture organizations contribute to community pride and 87% of arts and culture attendees in Alachua County agree that the activity or venue where they were surveyed “is inspiring a sense of pride in this neighborhood or community;” and

Whereas, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners supports dozens of arts, nature, and cultural events and venues that enhance our destination for visitors and residents alike through strategic investments of tax revenues paid by visitors.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 2024, as “National Arts and Humanities Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 22nd day of October, A.D., 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: _____
Mary C. Alford, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.