

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

**Declaring October 6th through October 12th, 2024, as
“National 4-H Week” in Alachua County, Florida**

Whereas, the Florida 4-H Program has been positively impacting children’s lives since 1909 and has celebrated 115 years of service. Its mission is to create a supportive environment where diverse youth and adults may reach their fullest potential; and

Whereas 4-H is an organization open to all children 5-18 years of age. 4-H reaches over 6 million youth nation-wide, with Florida having over 200,000 youth members and adult volunteers, and with the Alachua County 4-H Program boasting over 450 community club members and volunteers along with thousands of youth participating in schools; and

Whereas the Alachua County 4-H Program is part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida, and is a program where young people learn by doing through programs such as the Alachua County Youth Fair and 4-H Community Clubs. 4-H members participate in projects such as science and technology, photography and creative arts, horiculture, entomology, public speaking, and animal sciences to develop leadership, citizenship and other life skills; and

Whereas the Alachua County 4-H members have shown extraordinary leadership abilities by having the largest county membership on the State Executive Board where they work with youth and adults from across the state to plan and implement statewide programs and maintaining a position on the State Council for the past seven terms; and

Whereas, the Alachua County Youth have excelled on a club, county, district, state, and national level, with members participating in State 4-H Legislature, 4-H University, Southern Region Teen Leadership Forum, as well as competed in the state contests of Avian Bowl, Entomology, Horse Judging, Shooting Sports, Public Speaking; Creative Arts, Livestock projects and more; and

Whereas Alachua County encourages the people of this community to take the opportunity to become more aware of this special program and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our city, our county and our University System.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 6th through October 12th, 2024, as “National 4-H Week” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 8th 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.