

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

### Declaring December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as “Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome Awareness Day” in Alachua County, Florida

- Whereas,** Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) is a complex and rare congenital heart defect affecting the left side of the heart, resulting in life-threatening conditions for affected infants and requiring immediate and ongoing medical intervention; and
- Whereas,** awareness and education about HLHS are crucial for early diagnosis, prompt treatment, and ongoing support for the families and children affected by this severe condition; and
- Whereas,** the requestor, Hope for Heart Kids FL, a Florida-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to providing support, resources, and advocacy for families dealing with HLHS, striving to improve the quality of life for these children and their families; and
- Whereas,** the University of Florida in Alachua County is a key leader in the research and fight against HLHS, contributing significant advancements in medical knowledge, treatments, and support for affected children and their families; and
- Whereas,** designating December 8th as Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome Awareness Day will help to highlight the importance of research, funding, and public understanding of HLHS, ultimately contributing to better outcomes and support for those affected; and
- Whereas,** recognizing this day will honor the resilience and courage of children with HLHS and their families, and will encourage communities, healthcare providers, and policymakers to unite in support of those impacted by this congenital heart defect.

**Now, therefore,** through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as “Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome Awareness Day” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.