

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

**Declaring January 18, 2025, as  
“Arbor Day 2025”  
in Alachua County, Florida**

*Whereas,* this holiday, called Arbor Day was first observed in 1872, in the State of Nebraska with the planting of more than a million trees; and

*Whereas,* Alachua County observes our Florida State Arbor Day on this 3rd Saturday in January; and

*Whereas,* trees reduce the effects of climate change by moderating extreme temperatures, removing pollutants from the air and water, by storing carbon and by producing oxygen; and

*Whereas,* trees in our neighborhoods and communities enhance economic vitality by creating healthier, safer, and more beautiful environments to enjoy outdoor activities, and meet our neighbors; and

*Whereas,* trees, wherever they are planted and thrive are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

*Now, therefore,* through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim January 18, 2025, as “Arbor Day 2025” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 14 day of January, A.D., 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.