

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

**Declaring February 2nd, 2025, as
“World Wetlands Day”
in Alachua County, Florida**

Whereas, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the value of wetlands, sometimes referred to as “nature’s kidneys”; and

Whereas, Alachua County thanks the citizens, organizations and agencies that safeguard them, and pledge our support for their conservation and protection; and

Whereas, Alachua County is known for having a large range and distribution of wetland habitats, and is extraordinary in its diverse range of wetland plant and animal species; and

Whereas, wetlands are critical for protecting the water quality of our aquifer, local creeks, lakes, rivers, and springs, sustaining the county's ecosystems, combating climate impacts and flood control; and

Whereas, Alachua County and its nine municipalities, and many non-governmental organizations, are dedicated to and are making great efforts to protect and preserve local wetlands and surface waters; and

Whereas, World Wetlands Day is an opportunity for citizens, government agencies and non-governmental organizations to undertake actions aimed at raising public awareness of wetland values and the benefits from these rich environmental resources.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, as “World Wetlands Day” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 28th day of January, A.D., 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.