Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring March 9th through March 15th as "AmeriCorps Week" in Alachua County, Florida

- *Whereas,* service is a hallmark of the American character and has the unique ability to bring people of all backgrounds together in common cause, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our most pressing challenges of the day by volunteering in their communities; and
- *Whereas,* AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs provide opportunities for more than 200,000 Americans to serve their country through service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country; and
- *Whereas,* in Alachua County, more than 165 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve at 25 unique locations; and
- *Whereas,* AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of business, foundation, and other local partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and
- *Whereas,* AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs address critical issues facing the country, forge relationships and cultivate mutual respect, and help build resilient and thriving communities; and
- *Whereas,* through their service, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers strengthen the lives of their families, communities, and Alachua County Area as a whole; and
- *Whereas,* AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the more than 1.2 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and millions more who have served in AmeriCorps Seniors and their community partners, and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim March 9th through 15th, 2025 as "AmeriCorps Week" in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 25th day of February, A.D., 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Ву: ____

Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Clerk