

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

**Declaring the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as  
“National Safe Place Week”  
in Alachua County, Florida**

**Whereas,** the youth of Gainesville, Florida will determine the future strength of our country and be the bearers of our democracy; and

**Whereas,** youth need a safe haven from various negative influences, such as child abuse, substance abuse, depression, and crime, and youth need readily available resources to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety; and

**Whereas,** the Safe Place program is committed to protecting the youth of Gainesville by offering access to immediate help and safety for young people seeking assistance and guidance; and

**Whereas,** there are community organizations that operate Safe Place programs in the area with the support of numerous local businesses and volunteers who make their facilities available to assist in providing a safe environment for those in need.

**Whereas,** increased awareness will encourage more communities to establish Safe Place locations where youth can readily access the help they need.

**Now, therefore,** through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as “National Safe Place Week” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 25th day of March, 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.