Alachua County Florida A Proclamation

Declaring April as "Fair Housing Month" in Alachua County, Florida

- *Hipereas,* April 2025 marks the 57th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act which provides equal opportunity for all Americans in the sale, rental and financing of housing and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, familial status or age; and
- *Whereas* it is the solemn and sworn duty of government at all levels to protect and defend the rights of all its citizens and oppose housing discrimination whenever and wherever it occurs; and
- *Hipereas,* fair housing is the law of the United States government, and is consistent with the principles of equality and justice for all; and
- Alachua County is committed to upholding the civil rights of all citizens through Alachua County Code of Ordinances Chapter 111 which prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, age, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, familial status, veteran or service member status, lawful source of income, citizenship status, being the victim of dating violence or domestic violence or stalking in the sale or rental of housing; and
- Alachua County, in collaborative partnership with the City of Gainesville, housing resource agencies, affordable housing advocates, mortgage lenders and legal aid providers will host a Housing Resource Fair on April 26, 2025, to raise awareness of Fair Housing laws and promote local resources and access to housing within our communities; and
- *The month of April is officially set aside as Fair Housing Month in Alachua County as we celebrate the theme "Breaking Down Barriers".*

JOW, IDERENTE, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim April, as "Fair Housing Month" in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 8th day of April, A.D., 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: _

Charles S. Chestnut, IV., Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.