

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

### Declaring June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 22<sup>nd</sup> as “Animal Rights Awareness Week” in Alachua County, Florida

- Whereas,* Animal Rights Awareness Week advocates for the humane treatment of animals, including pets, farm animals, and wildlife; and
- Whereas,* this observance seeks to educate the public about the ethical, compassionate, and responsible care of animals in all aspects of human life, encouraging individuals to make informed choices by knowing where their products come from and ensuring they are obtained humanely, supporting conservation and preservation efforts both locally and globally, and participating in spaying and neutering programs in their communities, including those that address the needs of feral cat populations; and
- Whereas,* the spirit of this week calls on citizens to volunteer at local animal shelters, adopt pets from shelters rather than purchase them, and support pet stores that host adoption events for shelter animals; and
- Whereas,* individuals are further encouraged to purchase cruelty-free products and to thoroughly research breeders if they choosing to buy a pet, ensuring breeders are reputable, transparent, and willing to provide references and access to their facilities; and
- Whereas,* Animal Rights Awareness Week also raises critical awareness about the use of animals in medical research and testing, promoting ethical considerations, the pursuit of humane alternatives, and the advancement of compassionate scientific practices; and the recognition of this week affirms our collective responsibility to protect, respect, and advocate for the welfare of all animals, both domestic and wild.

*Now, therefore,* through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 22<sup>nd</sup>, as “Animal Rights Awareness Week” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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.