

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

### Declaring July as “Parks and Recreation Month” in Alachua County, Florida

*Whereas,* the use of our parks and open space add balance to life, teach vital life skills and provide safe places to play; and

*Whereas,* the benefits provided by parks and open space boost the economy, enhance property values, attract new businesses, increase tourism, reduce crime, promote family values, make people happier and help residents live longer; and

*Whereas,* our parks, preserves, open spaces and trails provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

*Whereas,* July 2025 has been designated as Parks and Recreation Month by the National Recreation and Park Association and the Florida Recreation and Park Association; and

*Whereas,* we celebrate park and recreation professionals and how they improve the lives of tens of millions of people, making a lasting impact in communities across the country. Park and recreation programs are essential to community health and well-being and help cultivate lifelong friendships, memories and family bonds that people hold dear decades later.

*Now, therefore,* through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim July, as “Parks and Recreation Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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.