

ALACHUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- __

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY,
FLORIDA, DEDICATING THE HAMMOCK LOOP
TRAIL AT TURKEY CREEK PRESERVE IN HONOR
OF ROBERT W. (BOB) SIMONS; APPROVING THE
NAMING OF THE TRAIL; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners ("BOCC") owns a parcel of land known as the Turkey Creek Preserve, 6300 NW 93rd Avenue, Alachua, Florida 32653; and

WHEREAS, the Turkey Creek Preserve was acquired through the Alachua County Forever program, the mission of which is to acquire, improve, and manage environmentally significant lands that protect water resources, wildlife habitats and natural areas suitable for resource-based recreation; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County Naming Facilities Policy (AP-14) permits the dedication of a facility on county-owned property for an individual based on the individual's non-financial or humanitarian contributions made in the community or to Alachua County and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Robert W. (Bob) Simons was a life-long resident of Alachua County who was recognized across the State of Florida for his contributions to protection of the environment, preservation of endangered lands, and management of ecological resources, his work being instrumental in the establishment of San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park; and

WHEREAS, Bob Simons contributed to the creation and accomplishments of the Alachua County Forever program by conducting ecological surveys that were the basis for the program's work and serving multiple terms on the Alachua County Land Conservation Board; and

WHEREAS, Bob Simons generously supported the conservation of natural resources with his own resources and time by supporting, serving on, and providing guidance to many organizations and agencies, including: Alachua Audubon Society, Alachua Conservation Trust, Florida Defenders of the Environment, Florida Forestry Association, Sierra Club, State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, the US Forest Service, and various veterans' organizations, among others.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Dedication. The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners hereby finds Robert W. (Bob) Simons has made significant contributions to the community and renames the Hammock Loop Trail at Turkey Creek Preserve to now be known as "Bob Simons Trail".

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session this _____ day of _____, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.
Clerk of Court

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alachua County Attorney