

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

### Declaring November as “National Adoption Month” in Alachua County, Florida

**Whereas,** National Adoption Month is a month set aside to raise awareness about the urgent need for adoptive families for children and youth in foster care; and

**Whereas,** as individuals, neighbors, community members, and citizens of Alachua County, we have a responsibility to acknowledge that every child deserves love, support, security, and a place to call home; and

**Whereas,** there are sixty-two children in our local foster care system waiting for the adoption that will provide them with the love of a family, a permanent home, and a stable foundation for their future; and

**Whereas,** families who choose to embrace the life-changing path of adoption, especially those who are willing to adopt siblings, older youth and young people with complex medical and behavioral needs, make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable young people in our society; and

**Whereas,** adoptive parents and families require and deserve the utmost community respect, resources and support; and

**Whereas,** during National Adoption Month, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners celebrates all families that have invited a child in need into their hearts and homes and express our profound appreciation for the agencies and individuals who make adoptions possible.

**Now, therefore,** through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim November, as “National Adoption Month ” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq., Clerk