

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring November 11th as “Veterans Day” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, *the United States of America’s Veterans have served to defend our country, our values, and our interests since the first days of our founding; and at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, fighting ceased in Europe, ending World War I, and ever since, this solemn moment has been honored in the United States; and*

Whereas, *on June 1, 1954, Congress designated November 11th as Veterans Day, so that a grateful nation might pay appropriate homage to the Veterans of all wars; and on November 11, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower called on the Nation to solemnly remember all those who have served to “preserve our heritage of freedom” and to “reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace”; and*

Whereas, *Alachua County is home to more than 17,000 Veterans who have answered the call to serve in times of war and peace, and whose continued contributions strengthen our community each day; and*

Whereas, *on Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation’s uniform. They have selflessly placed their lives, well-being, and the security of others before their own. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of their service; and*

Whereas, *our county has undergone much change and progress as we continue to strive for improvement, supported and inspired by those who serve our Nation. We pause to remember and pay tribute to our American Veterans whose courage, sacrifice, and leadership have secured our freedom and liberty, enabling our community to grow and thrive; and*

Whereas, *we in Alachua County recognize that our Veterans have made immeasurable contributions both during their service and afterward, as many continue to serve in roles that strengthen and support our community; and*

Whereas, *each year on November 11th, we set aside this day to recognize and honor the selfless service, sacrifice, and steadfast dedication of our American Veterans who have valiantly served our Nation.*

Now, therefore, *through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim November 11, 2025, as “Veterans Day” in Alachua County, Florida.*

Duly proclaimed this 4th day of November, A.D., 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Clerk