

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

**Declaring January 17th, 2026, as
"Arbor Day"
in Alachua County, Florida**

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed in 1872, in the State of Nebraska with the planting of more than a million trees; and

Whereas, Alachua County observes our Florida State Arbor Day on this 3rd Saturday in January; and

Whereas, trees help mitigate the effects of environmental extremes by moderating temperatures, and absorbing harmful pollutants from the air and water, by storing carbon, producing nutrients, and by releasing oxygen for all to breathe; and

Whereas, trees in our neighborhoods and communities enhance economic vitality by creating healthier, safer, and more beautiful environments to enjoy the outdoors and meet our neighbors; and

Whereas, trees, wherever they grow and thrive are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim January 17th, 2026, as "Arbor Day" in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 13th day of January, A.D., 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: _____
Ken Cornell, Chair

ATTEST:

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