

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

**Declaring April 12th through April 18th, as
“Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week”
in Alachua County, Florida**

Whereas, *animal care and control professionals serve their communities every day by protecting the public, assisting stray and injured animals, reuniting lost pets with their families, enforcing laws to ensure the humane treatment of animals, and supporting responsible pet ownership; and*

Whereas, *these dedicated individuals often work long hours in challenging and emotional situations, demonstrating compassion, professionalism, and resilience while balancing the needs of animals, pet owners, and the community; and*

Whereas, *animal care and control officers play a vital role in public safety by addressing animal-related issues, preventing the spread of disease, and responding to emergencies and natural disasters that affect both people and animals; and*

Whereas, *through community outreach, education, adoption programs, and partnerships animal care and control agencies strengthen the human-animal bond and improve the quality of life for residents and their pets; and*

Whereas, *it is fitting that we recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of animal care and control professionals, who work tirelessly to ensure the well-being of both animals and the communities they serve.*

Now, therefore, *through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim April 12th through April 18th as “Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week” in Alachua County, Florida.*

Duly proclaimed this 14th day of April, A.D., 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: _____
Ken Cornell, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.