Alachua County Florida
A Proclamation

Declaring April as "National Poetry Month" in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, *National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets; introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry; bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways; make poetry an important part of our children's education; and*

Whereas, *National Poetry Month, under the leadership and direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest literary celebration in the world; and*

Whereas, *poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all Americans; and poetry, as an essential part of the arts and humanities, affects every aspect of life in America today, including education, the economy, and community pride and development; and*

Whereas *poetry has produced some of the nation's leading creative artists and has inspired other artists in fields such as music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts; and*

Whereas *we call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of Alachua County to observe this month, to celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer, and to recognize the important role of poetry in creating and sustaining this great nation with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.*

Now, therefore, *through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim April, as "National Poetry Month" 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:

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J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.