

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

**Declaring October 6th through October 12th, 2019 as “National 4-H Week”
in Alachua County, Florida**

Whereas, the Florida 4-H Program has been positively impacting children’s lives since 1909 and has celebrated over 100 years of service. Its mission is to create a supportive environment where diverse youth and adults may reach their fullest potential; and

Whereas, 4-H is an organization open to all children 5-18 years of age. 4-H reaches over 6 million youth nation-wide, with Florida having 235,000 youth members and over 10,000 adult volunteers, and with the Alachua County 4-H Program boasting 2,500 members and over 100 volunteers; and

Whereas, the Alachua County 4-H Program is part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida, and is a program where young people learn by doing through programs such as the Alachua County Youth Fair and 4-H Afterschool programs. 4-H members also participate in projects such as science and technology, consumer education, horticulture, aerospace, entomology, public speaking and animal sciences to develop leadership, citizenship and other life skills; and

Whereas the Alachua County 4-H Program has been extremely active in different community service areas such as annual food drives during the holidays, collecting stamps to help fund habitat for humanity house construction, Heifer International, annual holiday toy drives and many other community service projects; and

Whereas, the Alachua County Youth have excelled on a club, county, district, state and national level, with members participating in State 4-H Legislature, 4-H University, Southern Region Teen Leadership Forum, as well as competed in the state contests of Forest Ecology, Entomology, Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Dairy Judging, Marine Ecology Judging and Public Speaking; and

Whereas, Alachua County encourages the people of this community to take the opportunity to become more aware of this special program and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our city, our county and our University System.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 6th through 12th, 2019 as “National 4-H Week” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 8th day of October, A.D., 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.