

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

### **Declaring November 2019 as "Hunger Awareness Month" in Alachua County, Florida**

**Whereas**, the month of November is recognized as National Hunger Awareness Month and is set aside to bring awareness of those citizens experiencing hunger daily; and

**Whereas**, nearly 57,000 of our citizens in Alachua County live in poverty and 12,000 of those are children who depend on nutrition assistance to put food on their tables; and

**Whereas**, in March, 2019, leaders from our business, faith, civic, government and educational community came together to begin planning for the Alachua County 2019 Strike Out Hunger Week Events including a Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway; and

**Whereas**, the goals of the Alachua County 2019 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive are: to build a safety net for those in need of food, increase the availability of food to those who are nutritionally challenged, bring awareness of the ever-growing issue of hunger, develop a work plan to unite community food collections, and to support our local food banks and pantries; and

**Whereas**, September 22<sup>nd</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup> has been set aside for our partnering agencies and citizens to participate in this worthwhile cause. Each partner has agreed to sponsor a food drive in their local organization and to bring all donations of non-perishable goods to the Alachua County Fairgrounds on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>; and

**Whereas**, The Alachua County 2019 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive will benefit our local food banks and pantries by providing much needed food during the holiday season; and provide Thanksgiving Baskets for low income, low wage families during the Holiday Season. All citizens are encouraged to participate by bringing non-perishable goods to the Fairgrounds on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 7 PM.

**Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim November 2019 as "Hunger Awareness Month" in Alachua County, Florida.**

Duly proclaimed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D. 2019

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. "Jess" Irby, Clerk