

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring October 2019 as “Early Childhood Awareness Month” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, Alachua County believes the wellbeing and education of our children determine the economic future of our state and the stability of the communities in which we live.

Whereas, we are citizens who have set out to give all children in Alachua County a strong start. We believe that prioritizing the early learning years should be at the forefront of our county and states agendas.

Whereas, Florida ranks poorly in how we invest in children. More than 325,000 children in Florida are uninsured. The state's prekindergarten program—a program which serves over 170,000 4-year-olds each year, does not meet most national standards. Only 4% of Florida's education budget is spent on programs that benefit children in the early childhood years.

Whereas, Alachua County supports the ideal of high-quality, accessible, and affordable children's health care, early childhood education and programs to help Florida parents be their best.

Whereas, Early Childhood Awareness Month is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibility, and to commit ourselves to ensuring that every child experiences the type of environment that will promote their early learning. Also, a month of engaging in directed discussion and debate on prioritizing early childhood.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim September 2019, as “Early Childhood Awareness Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 24th day of September, A.D., 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.