

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring November 21st 2019 as “Children’s Grief Awareness Day” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, children who have experienced the death of a loved one, especially a close family member, can carry that loss within them forever, and it sometimes causes confusion in the minds of youngsters as they struggle to understand why their loved one was taken away; and

Whereas, the great majority of grieving children feel alone, not understood and fearful, on top of their feelings of grief, leading in many cases to an inability to manage or even face their grief; and

Whereas, many adults and other children erroneously believe that grieving children are resilient enough that they ‘just get over’ their grief, so much so that children have often been called ‘forgotten mourners’; and

Whereas, Children’s Grief Awareness Day hopes to raise awareness of the painful impact the death of a loved one has on the life of a child, and to provide ways for caring adults and young people to let grieving children know that they are not forgotten in the midst of their grief; and

Whereas, Children’s Grief Awareness Day is observed each year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, immediately preceding the winter holidays, which can be a particularly difficult time for grieving children; and this year, on November 21, thousands of children and adults from all walks of life from across the United States will join together to show their support for grieving children by participating in Children’s Grief Awareness Day.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim November 21, 2019 as “Children’s Grief Awareness Day” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 12th day of November, A.D., 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.