

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

**Declaring October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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 200,000+ youth members and adult volunteers, and with the Alachua County 4-H Program boasting 300+ community club members and 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 Community Clubs. 4-H members also participate in projects such as science and technology, photography and creative arts, horticulture, 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 distributing holiday gifts to local youth, supporting families in need, 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 Executive Board, State 4-H Legislature, 4-H University, Southern Region Teen Leadership Forum, as well as competed in the state contests of Forest Ecology, Entomology, Horse Judging, Dairy Judging, Marine Ecology, Public Speaking; Creative Arts, Livestock projects and more; 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 the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as “National 4-H Week” in Alachua County, Florida.**

Duly proclaimed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D., 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marihelen Wheeler, Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.