

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

**Declaring November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as  
“Dr. Maggie Labarta Appreciation Day”  
in Alachua County, Florida**

**Whereas,** during the past thirty-six years of her professional career, Dr. Labarta has served with distinction, energy, compassion and commitment, assisting countless citizens and their families affected by substance use and mental illness; and

**Whereas,** through her leadership and tireless efforts at Meridian there is a strong and sustainable framework of behavioral health services now in place in Alachua County and throughout thirteen counties of North Central Florida; and

**Whereas,** working with her team and community partners, during Dr. Labarta’s tenure, Meridian has grown to serve over 20,000 clients each year. As a result, it is now recognized statewide as a leader in innovative and responsive behavioral health services; and

**Whereas,** she has unceasingly and powerfully advocated for greater attention to the need for treatment among those suffering from mental illness and substance use and the need for greater resources to address them. She has played a truly exceptional role in communicating to all what it takes to achieve a truly healthy community; and

**Whereas,** Dr. Labarta’s work has touched thousands of lives, and enabled each one a stronger opportunity to secure a more stable, productive and independent life; and

**Whereas,** we are compelled by Dr. Labarta’s lifetime of service to acknowledge with gratitude her extraordinary contributions made to the health and well-being of all our communities;

**Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim November 15th, 2019 as “Dr. Maggie Labarta Appreciation 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:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.