

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

**Declaring January 17th, 2020 as “Arbor Day 2020”  
in Alachua County, Florida**

**Whereas,** this holiday, called Arbor Day was first observed in 1872, in the State of Nebraska with the planting of more than a million trees, and

**Whereas,** Florida observes State Arbor Day on the 3rd Friday in January, and

**Whereas,** trees reduce erosion of our precious topsoil, moderate our temperatures, clean our air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for beneficial wildlife, and

**Whereas,** trees in our community increase property values, enhance economic vitality of businesses, and beautify our neighborhoods, and

**Whereas,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim January 17th, 2020 as “Arbor Day 2020” in Alachua County, Florida.**

*Duly proclaimed this 14th day of January, A.D., 2020.*

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Hutchinson, Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.