

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Waste and Recycling Workers Week, observed annually in June, honors the dedicated men and women that form the unsung backbone of our communities, playing a vital role in protecting public health, preserving the environment, and maintaining the cleanliness and safety of our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, these essential workers perform physically demanding and often hazardous tasks in all weather conditions, ensuring the safe collection, transportation, and processing of residential and commercial waste; and

WHEREAS, these professionals carry out their responsibilities with professionalism and excellence, contributing significantly to the health and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, waste and recycling workers come from all walks of life -representing diverse races, creeds, and genders- and serve in a wide range of roles across the waste management industry; and

WHEREAS, The Marion County Solid Waste Department is proudly committed to maintaining a safe, clean, and sustainable environment for all residents, and the work of its dedicated team is fundamental to the quality of life and future of our community;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **June 15th – 20th, 2026** be known as

“WASTE AND RECYCLING WORKERS WEEK”

in Marion County, Florida, we urge all residents to recognize and appreciate the tireless efforts of these dedicated individuals who work diligently, often in challenging conditions, to keep our community clean and our environment protected.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 16th day of **June 2026**.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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