

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk devoted his life to advancing ideas and principles that inspired others to be engaged citizens and to participate in the future of their communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, as a steadfast advocate for the founding principles of freedom, free markets, and limited government, he founded a national organization that inspired millions of students to become actively involved in the future of their country through civic education and engagement; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk believed in the importance of respectful dialogue, the protection of free speech, and the creation of safe environments where differing opinions could be shared without fear of harassment or violence; and

WHEREAS, we condemn all forms of political violence and harassment, and we remember with solemnity the tragic passing of Charlie Kirk on September 10, 2025, which serves as a powerful reminder of the fragility of our democracy and the necessity of civil discourse, a commitment likewise honored by the United States Senate and House of Representatives in resolutions acknowledging his legacy; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk will be remembered for his dedication to faith, family, and country, and his belief that ideas, freely exchanged, have the power to create positive change, leaving a legacy that calls on us to carry forward the values that strengthen our nation;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby recognize **October 14th, 2025** as the official

“DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR CHARLIE KIRK”

in Marion County, Florida, and encourages all citizens to reflect on his legacy of promoting freedom, civil discourse, and the importance of civic engagement.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 7th day of **October 2025**.

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

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