

# PROCLAMATION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, Master Gardeners will celebrate 29 years of excellence in gardening education for Marion County residents during their 29<sup>th</sup> annual Master Gardener Spring Festival the weekend of March 8-9, 2025, at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 112,600 people have attended this event; and

**WHEREAS**, Master Gardeners teach citizens to use Florida-Friendly plants, how to protect our water supply through proper fertilization, identification of good and bad bugs thus eliminating over use of pesticides, and proper irrigation protocols for lawns and landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, Master Gardeners inspire youth to learn more about the natural features of our community via activities provided in the Spring Festival Kids Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, Master Gardeners increase awareness of UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service educational outreach programs available to citizens of Marion County;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **March 2025** be known as

### “GARDENING MONTH”

in Marion County, Florida, and urge all citizens to attend the Master Gardener Spring Festival March 8-9, 2025.

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of **March, 2025**.

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

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