

# PROCLAMATION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, change is constant and affects all citizens, and community planning helps manage this change in a proactive way that provides better choices for how people work, live, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents, citizens, appointed boards, and elected public officials to be meaningfully involved in proactively making choices that determine the future of their community to achieve the full benefits of community planning to support and enhance the quality of life and character of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners have designated October as National Community Planning Month and have endorsed this month as an opportunity to highlight the contribution of sound planning and plan implementation made to improve the quality of our counties and municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the citizen appointed members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Land Development Regulation Commission, Code Enforcement Board, and the Board of Adjustment who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the Marion County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also recognizes the many valuable contributions made by planning professionals serving the Board, the Ocala Marion Transportation Planning Organization, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the St. Johns River Water Management District, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District;

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

### “COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH”

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of **October, 2025**.

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

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