

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1955, Ms. Rosa Parks courageously refused to surrender her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus, sparking a movement that became a defining moment in American civil rights history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parks became a national symbol of dignity, perseverance, and peaceful protest, continuing throughout her life to advocate for fairness and equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her lifelong dedication to justice and public service, Ms. Parks received numerous honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal, and the Peace Abbey Courage of Conscience Award; and

WHEREAS, upon her passing in 2005, President George W. Bush ordered that Ms. Parks lie in honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, an extraordinary tribute reflecting the deep respect and gratitude of a nation she helped to transform; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, wishes to honor the enduring legacy of Rosa Parks, whose quiet act of defiance became a catalyst for change and a lasting reminder of the power of individual courage in the pursuit of justice;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim **December 1st, 2025** as

“ROSA PARKS DAY”

and encourage all residents of Marion County, Florida, to reflect on her legacy and the principles of courage, determination, and respect that she so profoundly exemplified.

DULY PROCLAIMED this **18th** day of **November, 2025**.

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

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