

PROCLAMATION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, litter has an immediate and long-lasting impact on our community, degrading our beautiful natural environment, reducing property values, increasing crime, discouraging residential growth and tourism, impairing the visual aesthetic of our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, in Marion County, Florida has a strong interest in reducing and eventually eradicating roadside and waterway litter; and

WHEREAS, all members of our community are strongly encouraged to properly dispose of all trash properly, recycle in accordance with established guidelines and foster litter control awareness; and

WHEREAS, Marion County has adopted a plan comprised of the four pillars; marketing, education, enforcement and outreach; and

WHEREAS, Marion County residents are encouraged to show support in this litter awareness movement by being the best environmental stewards possible, participating in organized litter clean-up events and activities not just this week but all throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Litter Awareness Week theme, “Throw It Away,” effectively serves to remind Marion County it is important to assess behaviors towards litter and acknowledge responsibility in proper disposal of trash.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **April 22 – 26, 2024** be known as

“Litter Awareness Week”

In Marion County and urge all residents and businesses to support this observance and join in this effort to keep Marion County clean and litter free.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 16th day of **April, 2024**.

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