

# PROCLAMATION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, Marion County Fire Rescue introduced their Community Paramedicine program in partnership with AdventHealth Ocala. The program’s purpose is to reduce health spending while improving the health status of our county’s residents; and

**WHEREAS**, access to healthcare is a growing concern within our community. As a result, there has been high use of emergency services. A large portion of 911 services and subsequent emergency department visits are avoidable and results of patients seeking non-urgent care or emergency department care for conditions that could have been treated and/or prevented via a primary care provider; and

**WHEREAS**, this program targets the medically underserved who suffer from debilitating conditions that are not only caused by acute conditions, but from chronic diseases that often require ongoing care & treatment. The program is grounded in community-wide interventions aimed at disease prevention & wellness/health promotion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Paramedicine program provides patient-centric services such as alternative destinations, homeless outreach, public health collaboration, in-home patient assessments, falls assessment, readmission avoidance, & care coordination. All program initiatives are team-based, integrating multiple providers comprised of both clinical & non-clinical roles to address all the unmet needs of our community’s vulnerable patients; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners believes in recognizing AdventHealth Ocala for their generous contributions of over \$1 million in our community over the last four years to establish community paramedicine programs. Of these funds, over \$464,000 have been awarded to Marion County Fire Rescue to build and support their growing paramedicine program;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **November 19, 2024** be known as

### “Community Paramedicine Recognition Day”

in Marion County, Florida, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing the significant contributions of AdventHealth Ocala and our Marion County Fire Rescue Community Paramedicine professionals and to extend appreciation to all those keeping our community healthy.

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, **2024**.

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