

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Reverend Donald J. Curran, Jr. also known as Father Don Curran, has dedicated his life to service and leadership, beginning with his 1970 graduation from the University of Wisconsin and his commissioning as a U.S. Navy Ensign; and

WHEREAS, following 20 years of military service, Father Curran answered a call to ordained ministry, serving as priest in the Episcopal Church in 1993, thereafter serving as Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Ocala, Florida, from February 1998 to February 2008; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Father Curran became the founding pastor of Christ the King Anglican Church, where his steadfast spiritual leadership, pastoral care, and vision have guided the congregation for more than a decade, and where he will be recognized as Rector Emeritus in honor of his years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Christ the King Anglican Church became the sponsor for Grace Christian School, with Father Curran serving as chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Father Curran's life of service is grounded in faith and family, shared with his wife of 46 years, Cathy, and their three children Liam, Donald, and Eleanor and marked by a legacy of humility, devotion, and enduring impact on the church and community he has faithfully served;

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, that we do hereby recognize and honor **THE REVEREND DONALD J. CURRAN, JR.** for his distinguished military service, faithful pastoral leadership, and lifelong commitment to faith, family, and community, and extend our sincere gratitude for the lasting contributions he has made to the spiritual and civic life of Marion County.

The Board further commends Reverend Curran on his designation as Rector Emeritus, and wishes him continued health, fulfillment, and blessings as he enters this next chapter of service and reflection.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of **February, 2026**.

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MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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