

# PROCLAMATION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, change is constant and affects all communities, and planners can help to navigate this change with data-driven insights and expertise that provide better choices for how we work, play, and live; and

**WHEREAS**, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents, to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of our community and identify solutions to our community's most difficult housing, transportation, and land use questions; and

**WHEREAS**, the full benefits of planning require publicly elected and appointed officials who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners endorse October as National Planning Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the Marion County residents appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Land Development Regulation Commission, the Code Enforcement Board, and the Board of Adjustment who contribute their time and expertise to the betterment of Marion County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, we also recognize the many valuable contributions made by planning professionals serving Marion County, 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 the month of **October, 2024** as:

### **“COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH”**

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of **October, 2024**.

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

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**ATTEST:**

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