

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended in 1988, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee that housing throughout the United States should be made available to all citizens without regard to race, color, religion, gender, familial status, disability or national origin; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, equality of opportunity for all is a fundamental policy of this nation, state, county, and city; and

WHEREAS, entities including Community Legal Services, Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, Ocala Housing Authority, Housing Finance Authority of Marion County, Marion County's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Ocala/Marion County Association of Realtors, and the City of Ocala work diligently to promote fair housing practices, provide education, and support residents in securing and maintaining affordable, fair, and accessible housing, fostering a stronger and more inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, only with the cooperation, commitment and support from all of the residents of Marion County can barriers to the enjoyment of this and the other aspects of equality of opportunity for all be removed;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **April 2026** be known as

“NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

and encourages all citizens of our community to support and endorse Fair Housing and reaffirm their commitment to Fair Housing for all.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 7th day of **April, 2026**.

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

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