

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, November 11, 2025, marks Veterans Day, a time to honor and express gratitude to the more than 15.7 million U.S. veterans in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is home to the third largest population of veterans in the nation, following California and Texas, approximately 47,300 veterans proudly call Marion County home; and

WHEREAS, Veterans and other Treatment Courts have been restoring lives, reuniting families, and making communities safer for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, the Marion County Veterans Treatment Court has provided a pathway to recovery and reintegration for 236 justice-involved veterans, offering them access to structured treatment, mentorship, and the support needed to rebuild productive lives; and

WHEREAS, this vital program is made possible through the collaboration of judges, attorneys, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Helping Veterans, treatment providers, law enforcement, community supervision personnel, and countless others who dedicate their time and expertise to serve those who once served us; and

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 **November, 2025** as

“VETERANS TREATMENT COURT MONTH”

in Marion County, Florida, and urge all citizens to recognize the practitioners and successful graduates who make Veterans Treatment Court work and the significant contributions that Veterans Courts have made in partnership with Veterans Helping Veterans to continue to make critical solutions for saving the lives, families and futures of our nation’s veterans.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 4th day of **November, 2025**.

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

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