

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Master Gardeners will celebrate 30 years of excellence in gardening education for Marion County residents during their 30th Annual Master Gardener Spring Festival, the weekend of March 14-15, 2026, at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, more than 120,700 people have attended this event; and

WHEREAS, Master Gardeners teach citizens to use Florida-Friendly plants, how to protect our water supply through proper fertilization, identification of good and bad bugs thus eliminating overuse of pesticides, and proper irrigation protocols for lawns and landscapes; and

WHEREAS, Master Gardeners inspire youth to learn more about the natural features of our community through activities provided in the Spring Festival Kids Zone; and

WHEREAS, Master Gardeners increase awareness of UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service educational outreach programs available to citizens of Marion County;

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

“GARDENING MONTH”

in Marion County and the Board urges all citizens to attend the Master Gardener Spring Festival.

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

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

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