

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, WESH 2's Share Your Christmas food drive, established in 1986, has continued annually for nearly four decades to support individuals and families facing food insecurity in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, WESH 2's Share Your Christmas food drive has brought vital attention to the needs of local families, mobilizing community members, civic partners, and local organizations to join together in the shared commitment of helping neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, all donations collected within Marion County remain in Marion County, supporting hunger-relief efforts that benefit local families in need; and

WHEREAS, WESH 2's long-standing partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida has resulted in more than \$10 million and over 5 million pounds of food collected over the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the success of Share Your Christmas food drive reflects the generosity and compassion of Marion County residents, local businesses, volunteers, and media partners who have worked tirelessly each year to ensure that no family is left without support during the holiday season and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **December 12th, 2025** be known as

“SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS DAY”

DULY PROCLAIMED this 12th day of **December, 2025**.

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

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