

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1865, The Salvation Army has provided spiritual support, humanitarian relief, and essential social services to individuals and families across the globe, continuing its long-standing tradition of responding with compassion wherever there is hunger, hardship, or spiritual need; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army remains steadfast in its mission to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination, offering emergency assistance, shelter, food programs, disaster relief, and life-changing support to those in crisis; and

WHEREAS, each year businesses, civic groups, and community partners generously open their doors and storefronts for the placement of Red Kettles, allowing The Salvation Army to collect critical donations that directly support vulnerable residents of Marion County during the holiday season and throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, during The Salvation Army's Annual Red Kettle Campaign, we recognize the dedicated volunteers, staff, bell ringers, and donors whose selfless service and generosity sustain the Army's mission and bring hope, dignity, and assistance to thousands of neighbors in need;

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

“THE SALVATION ARMY’S RED KETTLE MONTH”

and urges Marion County residents to support The Salvation Army – Ocala Corps and to honor the steadfast men and women whose quiet acts of compassion strengthen the heart of our community.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of **December, 2025**.

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

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