

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Presented to

Senator Dennis K. Baxley

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the many lasting contributions made to Marion County, the State of Florida, and the United States of America by Senator Dennis K. Baxley; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baxley was first elected in 2000 to represent Marion County's District 24 in the Florida House of Representatives, serving until 2007 and again from 2010 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the Florida House, Baxley was responsible for cornerstone legislation such as Stand Your Ground, which has provided safety and security to Floridians for two decades and has been replicated in states across the country; and

WHEREAS, Baxley continued his service in the Florida Senate from 2016 to 2024 and championed legislation around parental rights in education, election integrity, and that established the Rare Disease Advisory Council, which was designed to assist the Florida Department of Health in providing recommendations to improve health outcomes for individuals residing in the state who have a rare disease; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baxley holds the distinction as being the only Floridian to hold the positions of Speaker pro tempore in the Florida House and President Pro Tempore in the Florida Senate, and his dedication to public service, to Marion County, and our country is unmatched; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, that:

1. Senator Dennis K. Baxley is hereby recognized for his decades of public service to the citizens of Marion County
2. This proclamation shall be furnished to **Senator Dennis K. Baxley** and shall be made a part of the Public Records of Marion County, Florida, in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in and for Marion County, Florida.

DULY RECOGNIZED this 9th day of April, 2025.

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

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