

# PROCLAMATION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, the National Animal Care and Control Association has designated April 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County Animal Services deeply values the dedication and takes this time to recognize and commend all Animal Control Officers for the dedicated service they provide to citizens, public safety, domestic animals, and wildlife across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, every day, Animal Control Officers place themselves in potentially dangerous situations to protect the health and welfare of animals and the public, and Marion County recognizes and commends the important work they perform with professionalism, compassion, and commitment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officers of Marion County respond to calls for assistance, capture roaming or potentially dangerous animals, rescue animals in distress, investigate reports of cruelty and neglect, provide education on responsible pet ownership, and help resolve conflicts involving animals;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **April 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026** be known as

### **“NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK”**

and encourages all residents to join in expressing sincere appreciation for the service and dedication of these officers, as well as the staff and volunteers of Marion County Animal Services.

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of **April, 2026**.

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