PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the parks and recreation field is a diverse and comprehensive system that improves personal, social, environmental, and economic health; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation professionals provide beneficial services that enrich the lives of its citizens, and help make this community a desirable place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the work of park and recreation professionals strengthen community cohesion and resiliency, connect people with nature and each other, and provide and promote opportunities for healthful living, social equity, and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation professionals and volunteers provide essential recreational and developmental enrichment for our children, youth, adults, and older adults; while ensuring our parks and recreational spaces are clean, safe, inclusive, welcoming and ready to use;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **July 19th**, **2025**, be known as

"PARKS AND RECREATION PROFESSIONALS DAY"

DULY PROCLAIMED this 15th day of July, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

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