

# PROCLAMATION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, this year’s National 4-H Week theme, “Beyond Ready,” reminds us that 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change and equips young people with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today; and

**WHEREAS**, through 4-H opportunities, youth develop essential life skills like responsibility, communication, critical thinking, and teamwork, while gaining confidence, exploring future careers, and becoming engaged citizens prepared to make a positive difference in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, 4-H is America’s largest youth development organization, supporting six million youth across the country delivered in partnership with Cooperative Extension – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences for young people to learn by doing; and

**WHEREAS**, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Marion County, Florida, who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County 4-H youth demonstrated outstanding achievement this year by winning at the state level and advancing to nationals in horticulture, poultry, and shotgun; with twelve members also advancing to the state horse show and six members to the Southern Region Horse Show; additionally the 4-H Pollinator Habitat Ambassadors taught 820 of their peers about the importance of pollinators on the local and state levels; and numerous additional youth applied life skills through a variety of project areas;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **October 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025** be known as

### “NATIONAL 4-H WEEK”

in Marion County, Florida, and we encourage all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of **October, 2025**.

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