

# PROCLAMATION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, 4-H is America’s largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country thus far; and

**WHEREAS**, 4-H helps approximately 1800 youth in Marion County annually to become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, 4-H is delivered in partnership with Cooperative Extension – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture, and citizenship; 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**, 4-H’s network of 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H’ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs, and visionaries;

**WHEREAS**, Marion County 4-H youth excelled to the top again this year, winning the state level and advancing to nationals in forestry, horticulture, poultry, meats, and shotgun. Additionally, 8 4-H youth qualified and competed at the Southern Region Horse Show and the livestock judging team qualified for the National Western Stock Show Livestock Judging contest. Moreover, Marion County 4-H youth earned leadership roles serving as District VII President, Florida 4-H Executive Board members, and delegates for the state at National 4-H Congress.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that October 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be known as

### “NATIONAL 4-H WEEK”

throughout Marion County, and 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 PROCLAIMES** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

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