

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers from Marion County and across the nation help feed the world by producing a bounty of nutritious foods through essential partnerships with communities to supply, sell, and deliver finished products to consumers around the globe; and

WHEREAS, during Farm City Week, we recognize the importance of this cooperative network. Agriculture and related enterprises employ nearly 2.5 million workers, including farmers and ranchers, shippers, processors, marketers, retailers, inspectors, and others who contribute an annual impact of \$387.4 billion to Florida's economy; and

WHEREAS, as Horse Capital of the World®, Marion County has an equine population greater than any other U.S. County; hosts the world's leading Thoroughbred sales and contributes over \$4.3 billion annually to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, as they perform their daily work, farmers and ranchers preserve freshwater recharge areas, wildlife habitat and greenspace. Consumers help farm families maintain their superior natural resource conservation practices by purchasing Florida's agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Farm City Week celebration, Jack Williams will be inducted into the Marion County Agriculture Hall of Fame for his contributions to the agricultural industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **November 15th – 22nd, 2025** be known as

“FARM CITY™ WEEK”

in Marion County. We remind everyone that Farm City Week activities celebrate the mutually beneficial relationships that support the quality of life we all enjoy.

DULY PROCLAIMED this **18th** day of **November 2025**.

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

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