

# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Presented to

### Community Legal Services

**WHEREAS**, many Americans are one civil legal problem away from falling into poverty or further into poverty. Annually, 3 in 4 low-income American households experience at least one civil legal problem, and yet 92% of these households do not get any or enough legal help for their civil legal problems; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Legal Services is celebrating 60 years of providing no-cost civil legal assistance since its founding in 1966, serving residents across Central Florida, including the people of Marion County; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization serves low-income individuals and families, seniors, veterans, survivors of domestic violence, children with disabilities, disaster survivors, and others facing serious hardships, including housing instability, fraud, denial of benefits, and barriers to recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, through its dedicated staff and hundreds of pro bono attorneys, Community Legal Services has handled more than 300,000 civil legal cases and provided over one million hours of legal assistance over the past six decades, embodying its commitment to *Legal Access for All*, thus strengthening communities and economic stability across Central Florida;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us, extends this Certificate of Recognition to Community Legal Services in honor of its **60 years of service** and dedication to its mission: to provide no-cost legal services to the most vulnerable in Central Florida and help them protect their families, health, and livelihoods.

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

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