

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Youth Fair is the premier not-for-profit ALL-YOUTH Fair for 4-H and FFA students in Marion County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Youth Fair officially began in 1978 as an expansion of the Southeastern Youth Steer Show and Sale to provide a showcase for the full extent of youth achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Youth Fair aims to recognize the outstanding youth of Marion County by serving as a platform for competition, exhibition, enhanced educational opportunities, and the promotion of self-esteem, and personal growth and development while aiding in the education of the Citizens of Marion County regarding the importance of agriculture and related industries in our area; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Southeastern Youth Fair marks its 86th anniversary with this year's Fair theme: "*Sew it, Grow it, Show it*"; and

WHEREAS, participation in this event, scheduled for February 19th through February 28th, provides a chance for our youth to display their skills and the results of their hard work for the enjoyment of the citizens of Marion County and surrounding areas;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby desire by means of this Proclamation to express its congratulations to all agencies that support and sponsor the Southeastern Youth Fair, for their dedication to giving encouragement to Marion County's outstanding youth in agriculture and to all participants of the Youth Fair.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of February, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

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