

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes The Citrus Cup on its 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus Cup Morgan Horse Show was officially established in September of 1976, and has grown over the past five decades into one of the premier Morgan horse competitions in the United States, attracting exhibitors, trainers, and spectators from across Florida and the nation; and

WHEREAS, since relocating to Marion County, the Citrus Cup has played a significant role in promoting the county's equestrian heritage and economy, welcoming more than 3,000 competing horses and approximately 15,000 trainers, exhibitors, and spectators, while contributing to local tourism, hospitality, and business development; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus Cup has earned regional and national distinction as an American Morgan Horse Association Regional competition, serving as an important qualifying event for the Morgan Grand National and World Championship Horse Show and showcasing numerous past, present, and future Morgan World Champions; and

WHEREAS, the event has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to community impact by supporting youth scholarships, therapeutic riding programs located in Marion County, and charitable organizations, while also elevating Marion County's reputation as a premier destination for equestrian sport;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim that **April 20th to April 26th** be known as:

“CITRUS CUP 50th ANNIVERSARY WEEK”

DULY PROCLAIMED this 7th day of **April, 2026**.

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

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