

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring “Farm-to-Restaurant Month” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, community support for local restaurants and caterers who purchase food from local farmers creates local jobs and keeps our dollars within our community, increasing our prosperity, resilience and solidarity; and

Whereas, Blue Oven Kitchens and Forage – both local non-profits – have created the Farm-to-Restaurant Initiative to educate our farmers, foodservice professionals and community at-large about the importance of supporting our local food system; and

Whereas, the more our community expresses its interest in local food to restaurants and caterers by asking if ingredients are local and selecting menu items that include local ingredients, the more local foodservice venues will support our farmers; and

Whereas, Blue Oven Kitchens’ most immediate fundraising goal is the funding of a commercial kitchen facility that will be available for cooking and nutrition classes, and for food entrepreneurs to bring their products to market to enhance the health and variety of our food supply; and

Whereas, Blue Oven Kitchens is asking our community to attend its August fundraising events in conjunction with the Farm-to-Restaurant Initiative that will support its work towards the sustainable growth of our local food system. We encourage our citizens to join in supporting Blue Oven Kitchens as they work to develop this educational and food processing facility for our local food system and community.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim August 2012 as “Farm-to-Restaurant Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 10th day of July, A.D., 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Paula M. DeLaney, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. Irby, Clerk