

Alachua County Florida
A Proclamation

**Declaring “Disability Awareness Month”
in Alachua County, Florida**

- Whereas,** a nationwide campaign conducted in July 2012 will mark the 22nd anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 37th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and
- Whereas,** we seek to extend the substantial progress made in the past two decades, especially by enforcement of those laws, and the elimination of barriers which continue to limit opportunities in employment, housing, public accommodations and education for people with disabilities; and
- Whereas,** we recognize that at some time in our lives, most in our society will have limitations of some kind, be they physical, mental, emotional or educational; and
- Whereas,** we have long supported the nation’s commitment to equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for all people with disabilities; and
- Whereas,** we recognize the importance of building accessible, inclusive and integrated communities where children and adults with disabilities can maximize their potential to exercise choices often taken for granted by others; and
- Whereas,** Alachua County and the Citizens Disability Advisory Committee are partnering with the City of Gainesville to sponsor an educational workshop on July 26, 2012 to inform local businesses and raise community awareness of recent significant changes under the ADA.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim July 2012 as “Disability Awareness 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