

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring March 7th, 2015 as “Masonic Appreciation Day” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, the Free and Accepted Masons of Florida are the oldest continuous organization in Alachua County; and

Whereas, Masons have played significant roles in the development of Alachua County through extensive business and community activities; and

Whereas, the Free and Accepted Masons of Florida have been formally recognized in Alachua County since 1851 with the establishment of Alachua Lodge No. 26 on January 14th, 1851, in the City of Newnansville; and

Whereas, the additions of Micanopy Lodge No. 29 on January 13th, 1852, in Micanopy; Gainesville Lodge No. 41 on January 13th, 1857, in Gainesville; Waldo Lodge No. 10 in Waldo; Hawthorne Lodge No. 103 in Hawthorne; High Springs Lodge No. 137 on January 17th, 1894, in High Springs; Ira Carter No. 150 on January 22nd, 1896 in Newberry; Archer Lodge No. 197 on January 18th, 1922, in Archer; R.T. Shafer Lodge No. 350 on April 21st, 1964, in Gainesville have contributed to the growth and well-being of our county and its citizens; and

Whereas, the Master Masons are recognized for the charitable works that they have done for children in our county through the efforts of the Gainesville Shrine Club’s fundraising efforts and coordination of benefits to the Tampa Shriner’s Hospital, and for charitable work and support given to the Veteran’s Hospital through the Masonic Service Association’s Alachua County Chapter; and

Whereas, the Master Masons in Alachua County continuously support our local charities, schools, law enforcement and children.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim March 7th, 2015 as “Masonic Appreciation Day” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 24th day of February, A.D., 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. Irby, Clerk