

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring May 2015 as "Civility Month" in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

Whereas, as a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

Whereas, civility, derived from the Latin words "civitas" meaning city and "civis" meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

Whereas, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participating in government; and

Whereas, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

Whereas, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

Whereas, the City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim May 2015 as "Civility Month" in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 26th day of May , A.D., 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. Irby, Clerk