

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring July 2015 as “Disability Awareness Month” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, a nationwide campaign conducted in July 2015 will mark the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 40th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and

Whereas, Alachua County seeks to extend the substantial progress made in the past, 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, Alachua County recognizes 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 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, Alachua County celebrates the contributions Americans with disabilities have made to our nation and rededicate ourselves to empowering every individual through the principles of equal opportunity, equal access; and

Whereas, Alachua County government and Citizens Disability Advisory Committee are partnering with the City of Gainesville, Center for Independent Living and MV Transportation, Inc. to sponsor the Annual ADA Celebration. This year’s theme is “Faces of the ADA.” The keynote speaker will be Mr. Jack Humburg from the Boley Center in Tampa, Florida. The event will feature a panel of individuals whose lives have been dramatically impacted by the ADA. Special recognition will be given to local businesses that employ and promote disability friendly customer service. An expo of vendors and support organizations that provide services to persons with disabilities will follow. All citizens are invited to attend the event on July 23rd, 2015 at the Senior Recreation Center.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim July 2015 as “Disability Awareness Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 14th day of July, A.D., 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. Irby, Clerk