

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring March 2016 as “Social Work Month” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, the primary mission of the Social Work profession has been to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

Whereas, Social Work Pioneers have helped lead America’s struggle for social justice and pave the way for positive social change, and recognize that more must be done to address persistent social problems; and

Whereas, Social Workers are change agents who put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through major legislative, regulatory, and social policy victories. Social Workers apply their research and legislative advocacy skills to transform community needs into national priorities; and

Whereas, Social Workers support diverse families in every community, understanding that individuals and communities together can bring about group change. Social Workers continue to work to improve the rights of women, African Americans and other ethnic minorities, and the LGBT community; and

Whereas, Social Workers know from experience that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated, and know that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and

Whereas, Social Workers believe that: all children have the right to safe environments and quality education; dignity and care-giving for older adults help define a nation’s character; veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful transitions after service; and access to mental health treatment and health care services saves millions of lives; and

Whereas, research shows that all people, no matter their circumstance, at some time in their lives may need the expertise of a skilled social worker. In kind, social workers celebrate the courage, hope and strength of the human spirit.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim March 2016 as “Social Work Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 8th day of March, A.D., 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Robert Hutchinson, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. Irby, Clerk