

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

**Declaring April 15-22, 2023, as "International Dark-Sky Week"
in Alachua County, Florida**

Whereas, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind. The experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe; and

Whereas, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities. 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Alachua County, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

Whereas, Alachua County is home to dozens of nocturnal wildlife species and these species rely on the undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate and thrive; and

Whereas, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2023, as "International Dark-Sky Week," in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 28 day of March, A.D., 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: 
Anna Prizzia, Chair

ATTEST:


J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq

