



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

Declaring February 2022 as "National Black History Month"

Whereas, The Children's Trust of Alachua County celebrates National Black History Month and acknowledges these events in our country - both tragic and triumphant - as the shared history of all Americans; and

Whereas, Shining a light on Black history today is as important to understanding ourselves and growing stronger as a Nation as it has ever been. We seek to honor the enormous contributions of Black Americans to the freedom, prosperity, and cultural richness of our Nation: and

Whereas, In the face of wounds and obstacles older than our Nation itself, Black Americans can be seen in every part of our society today, strengthening and uplifting all of America; and

Whereas, **The Children's Trust of Alachua County** joins in the unified endeavor of its community members around Alachua County in paying homage to those that have helped carry on the resolute efforts in a continual reminder of the achievements and sacrifices by African Americans who have contributed to the advancements of human civilization; and

Whereas, This year's theme, "Black Health and Wellness", chosen each year by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (the same group founded in part by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1915), offers a reminder of the importance of caring for both ourselves and the greater communities' mental/physical health and wellness; and

THEREFORE, Be it proclaimed by The Children's Trust of Alachua County, that the month of February 2022 is celebrated as "National Black History Month" in appreciation of the many achievements Black Americans in Alachua County and those across this nation have contributed.

Duly proclaimed this 14th day of February, A.D., 2022.

By: _____
Dr. Maggie Labarta, Chair of the Trust

ATTEST: _____
Colin Murphy, Board Secretary