

**Levy County Florida**  
**A Proclamation**

Declaring “April 30, 2026”, as “*Honoring Reverend Richard Harding*”  
In Levy County, Florida

**Whereas**, Reverend Richard Harding has devoted nearly five decades of faithful service to the citizens of Levy County through his volunteer ministry to the inmates of Levy County Jail; and

**Whereas**, for more than forty-nine years, he has faithfully offered hope, counsel, and encouragement to those incarcerated, helping bring redemption and renewed purpose to countless lives; and

**Whereas**, Reverend Harding’s ministry extended beyond the jail walls, welcoming former inmates into the fellowship of Faith Baptist Tabernacle and assisting those newly released with compassion and practical support; and

**Whereas**, Reverend Harding and his family opened their home and hearts to many individuals seeking a fresh start, often sharing meals and fellowship with those in need of encouragement and community; and

**Whereas**, through the decades of compassionate ministry, Reverend Harding has demonstrated that no person is beyond the reach of grace, hope, and redemption; and

**Whereas**, the citizens of Levy County are grateful for Reverend Harding’s extraordinary dedication, selfless service, and unwavering commitment to lifting others during their darkest moments;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed** by the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida hereby recognize and honor Reverend Richard Harding for his remarkable service to the people of Levy County and expresses sincere appreciation for his lasting legacy of faith, compassion, and community service.

*Duly proclaimed this 30th day of April, 2026.*

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OF LEVY COUNTY FLORIDA

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