

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the year 2022 marks the 178th anniversary of the creation of Marion County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, when the U.S. Government acquired Florida in 1821, scouts were sent to survey the peninsula and in 1825, the government created an agency to oversee the Seminole population in what would become Marion County, the U.S. Army established a military outpost to protect the northern boundary of the Indian reservation; and

WHEREAS, pioneers came to present day Marion County Marion County for free land offered under the Armed Occupation Act during the 1840s; and

WHEREAS, between 1842 and 1844, the county was still a part of Alachua, Mosquito (Orange), and Hillsborough counties and the closest county seat was in Alachua, a difficult 50 miles from Fort King. As a result, early settlers began to get restless for a new county; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Priest, the first state senator from Marion, represented Alachua County when he introduced a bill to create the new county; and

WHEREAS, the territorial legislative council authorized the formation of Marion County and Richard Keith Call, the territorial governor, signed the law on March 25, 1844; and

WHEREAS, Marion County has grown substantially in its history and now boasts significant economic development and the title of Horse Capital of the World; and

WHEREAS, the people and natural landmarks of Marion County have contributed greatly to the history of the state of Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine K. Dobkowski, Mayor/ Commissioner of the City of Belleview on behalf of the Commission of the City of Belleview, do proclaim Saturday, March 26, 2022, as

“MARION COUNTY DAY”

PROCLAIMED this 15th Day of March 2022.


CHRISTINE K. DOBKOWSKI
Mayor/Commissioner

Attest:


MARIAH MOODY
City Clerk

