

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Recognizing Master Gardeners Volunteer Week in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** the week of April 19-25, 2026 is recognized as National Volunteer Week, acknowledging those who better our community by sowing seeds of kindness through volunteering; and
- Whereas,** the Master Gardeners with the University of Florida IFAS Extension Martin County have been serving their communities through plant clinics, demonstration gardens, youth education, community outreach events and one-on-one guidance, improving the quality of life for residents of our county since 1984; and
- Whereas,** Master Gardener Volunteers generously contribute their time, expertise and passion to help residents make informed decisions that protect Florida's unique ecosystems by promoting practices that conserve water, reduce fertilizer and pesticide misuse, support wildlife habitat and enhance the resilience of our landscapes; and
- Whereas,** their dedication, professionalism and spirit of service exemplify the highest ideals of volunteerism and reflect positively on UF/IFAS Extension Martin County and our community as a whole; and
- Whereas,** the impact of Master Gardener Volunteers is measured not only in the thousands of hours they contribute each year but also in the countless residents they educate, the gardens and landscapes they nurture and the environmental benefits they help create.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that April 19-25, 2026 is recognized as "UF/IFAS Extension Martin County Master Gardeners Volunteer Week" to honor the outstanding contributions of our local Master Gardeners. Further, the Board expresses deep appreciation for their service and encourages all residents to join in celebrating their commitment to education, sustainability and community enrichment.

Presented this Twenty-first Day of April 2026

ATTEST:

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