



## PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners honor caring adult mentors who support young people by showing up for them every day and demonstrating their commitment to helping them thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that mentors play a powerful role in providing young people with the tools to make responsible choices, attend and engage in school, and reduce or avoid risky behavior like drug use; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Mentoring Partnership organization states that students who meet regularly with their mentors are 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college, 81 percent more likely to participate regularly in sports or extracurricular activities, and 78 percent more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mentoring relationships are at their best when connections are made between a caring adult and a young person who knows that someone is there to help guide them through those real life decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, January is the time of year where engagement from community members in becoming a mentor is highest and is the month to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring in our county; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida hereby proclaims:

**The Month of January as:**

**NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH**

**DONE AND PROCLAIMED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, Sumter County, Florida

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUMTER COUNTY

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Caroline Alrestimawi  
Deputy Clerk

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Garry Breeden  
Chairman