



City of Alachua, Florida

Office of Mayor Gib Coerper

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America is powered by thousands of independently owned and operated electric generating facilities known as power plants that generate electric energy; and

WHEREAS, those power plants are connected to a complex energy system called the electric grid that is comprised of over five million miles of transmission and distribution lines that deliver energy to homes, businesses, churches, hospitals and schools across the country; and

WHEREAS, the electric grid must be maintained in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year in rain, cold, hurricanes and tornadoes and must be capable of withstanding any hazards that occur; and

WHEREAS, this system of electric lines is kept in a high state of readiness by 114,000 dedicated and skilled men and women known as electric lineworkers that work for all the independently owned and operated utilities across America; and

WHEREAS, electric lineworkers are a cohesive group that must work as highly effective teams in very hazardous situations under rigorous conditions that respond to disaster areas to restore power to victim's homes and has been ranked as one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in which 30-60 people lose their lives annually; and

WHEREAS, the City Electric Utility lineworkers have demonstrated their dedication and skills by competing in various competitions held across the state and deserve the appreciation of the City of Alachua community; and

WHEREAS, the lineworkers from the City Electric Utility are dedicated and hard working men and women who risk their lives daily working in extremely dangerous situations to ensure the reliable delivery of electric energy to City of Alachua homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, following this past hurricane season's powerful and massive Category 4 Hurricane Irma, City of Alachua Electric Utility lineworkers worked tirelessly day and night to safely and quickly restore power to residents; AND

WHEREAS, it is most fitting and proper that the City of Alachua set aside a special day to recognize City of Alachua's hometown heroes, our electrical lineworkers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gib Coerper, Mayor of the City of Alachua, Florida and on behalf of the City of Alachua grateful citizens, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2018, and every August 26 thereafter as LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY in the City of Alachua and call upon the people of the City of Alachua to be particularly mindful of the dangerous work done under exacting conditions day in and day out by these dedicated workers, and show their appreciation at every opportunity by recognizing lineworkers throughout the City of Alachua.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Alachua to be affixed this 13th day of August, 2018.

ATTEST:

Gib Coerper, Mayor
City of Alachua