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**30th Anniversary Celebration
Alachua Conservation Trust**

Gainesville, Florida – Alachua Conservation Trust is hosting their 30th anniversary celebration this Sunday, September 30th, at Prairie Creek Lodge from 11AM to 3PM. This event is family friendly, free, and open to the public.

Since 1988, Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) has worked to protect the natural, historic, scenic and recreational resources in and around north central Florida. To celebrate 30 years of work conserving Florida's natural lands, ACT will be hosting the community at Prairie Creek Preserve for an afternoon of festivities. Past and current executive directors will highlight their time working for the organization with a round of stories followed by a cake cutting ceremony. Attendees will also have the opportunity to enjoy carnival themed activities, plunge some ACT supporters into a dunk tank, and toast to 30 more years of conserving north central Florida.

Over the course of 30 years, ACT has been instrumental to facilitating the conservation of over 50,000 acres of Florida land. This includes the direct purchase and protection of over 19,000 acres. ACT currently works across 16 counties, owns 4,317 acres, and collaborates with private landowners to protect an additional 3,227 acres through conservation easements. ACT works to protect and preserve natural spaces, create opportunities to interact with the environment, and teach the next generation through environmental education programs.

ACT's 30th on the 30th celebration is held this Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Activities include a bounce house, human foosball games, music, a dunk tank, live painting by Eleanor Blair, raffle, and child friendly activities. Blue Highway a Pizzeria will have their food truck, The Federal, available for purchasing lunch and another local favorite, Jersey Creamery will be selling ice cream. The event is at Prairie Creek Lodge, located at 7204 SE County Road 234 just east of Gainesville and north of Micanopy. Attendance is free. For any questions please call the ACT office at (352) 373-1078.

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Since 1988, the mission of Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) is to protect the natural, historic, scenic and recreational resources in north central Florida. ACT protects land through purchase, donation, and conservation easements.