

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2026 –

WHEREAS, the **STOP THE BLEED** campaign is a national public health initiative led by the American College of Surgeons, in partnership with the United States Department of Defense and other public safety organizations; and

WHEREAS, its main goal is to empower everyday citizens to recognize and respond to life threatening bleeding emergencies until professional help arrives; and

WHEREAS, uncontrolled bleeding is a leading cause of preventable death after injury and immediate bystander action can significantly increase survival of the injured person; and

WHEREAS, educated citizens serve as critical first responders during accidents, natural disasters, mass casualty events, and everyday emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the **STOP THE BLEED** campaign allows citizens to gain the confidence and practical skills to act decisively in emergencies involving family members, coworkers, or when in public; and

WHEREAS, early bleeding control improves outcomes and complements the work of emergency medical services, fire, law enforcement, and hospital teams; and

WHEREAS, the **STOP THE BLEED** initiative supports national trauma care and public health recommendations. The **STOP THE BLEED** program teaches participants to recognize life threatening bleeding, how to call for emergency help, how to apply effective bleeding control techniques, including direct pressure, wound packing, and the use of tourniquets; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the **STOP THE BLEED** program in Hernando County is to promote awareness of preventable deaths due to severe bleeding, encourage education and hands on training throughout the community, and foster partnerships among healthcare providers, emergency services, schools, and civic organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim May 21, 2026, as **STOP THE BLEED DAY** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners encourages all citizens to participate in the **STOP THE BLEED DAY** campaign and build a culture of readiness by learning how to stop traumatic bleeding prior to first responders' arrival in case of an emergency and save lives.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 12th day of May 2026, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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