

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

**RESOLUTION 2025 – 043**

**WHEREAS**, thousands of the United States' Armed Forces Troops have served America in times of peace and war, and through their dedication and sacrifices, our nation and its people have been assured safety and prosperity, and our freedoms, ideals and values preserved and protected; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these brave and committed men and women gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives, during military service and their families left to mourn have also paid a great service for our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, dating back to World War I and a symbol of great honor that no one wants, a **Gold Star Lapel Pin** is presented by the United States Department of Defense to the spouses, parents and children of a fallen service member killed in combat or in active duty in; and

**WHEREAS**, known as a **GOLD STAR FAMILY**, flags or banners with a gold star are often displayed by the family to make others aware of the sacrifice their family member has made and to honor their service to our country, and sadly, additional stars are sometimes added to represent each military member who died should the family suffer more than one loss; and

**WHEREAS**, Tribute to the Troops ® (TTTT) was founded by singer and songwriter Rockie Lynn in 2004, and its mission is to honor, treasure, and remember the sacrifice of the nation's fallen heroes and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribute to the Troops Honor Ride on March 15, 2025, to honor and remember, and show their profound appreciation to Lance Corporal Richard Clay Ellis, USMC, and includes a Fallen Service Member Name Reading Ceremony for other Florida Gold Star Families' Fallen Heroes, which will provide the opportunity for the community to honor the Gold Star Families attending, and to let them know their loss will never be forgotten.

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

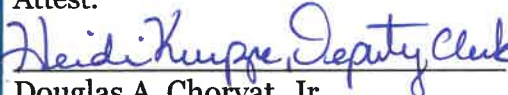
**SECTION 1.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim March 15, 2025, as **GOLD STAR FAMILY DAY** in Hernando County.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners urges all citizens to join in honoring our nation's fallen military heroes and expressing heartfelt gratitude to all **GOLD STAR FAMILIES** for their sacrifices in the defense of freedom and the American way of life.

**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, A.D.

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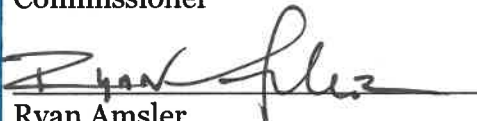
  
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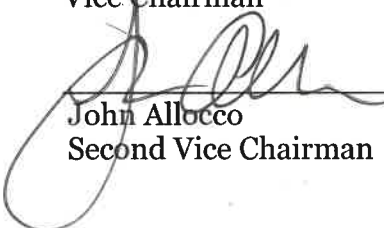
  
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