

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN END TO THE DROUGHT EMERGENCY
AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF RESOLUTION No. 2025-__ IN ALL
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, for the past several months Hernando County has had a severe rainfall deficit leading to drought-like conditions in the County; and,

WHEREAS, because of the catastrophic drought-like conditions, the woodlands and vegetation in the County were very susceptible to fire hazards; and,

WHEREAS, to prevent brush- and wildfires, the County prohibited open burning except as specifically authorized by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County adopted Resolution No. 2025-__ implementing a ban on open burning; and,

WHEREAS, within recent weeks Hernando County has received much needed rains that have significantly lowered fire hazards; and,

WHEREAS, State Division of Forestry officials and local fire officials agree that there is currently no need to enforce the prohibition on open burning; and,

WHEREAS, because conditions have improved, it is appropriate at this time that the Board of County Commissioners repeal such ban on open burning.

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

SECTION 1.

The Board of County Commissioners finds and determines that the emergency drought conditions requiring implementation of a ban on open burning pursuant to Resolution No. 2025-__ no longer exists.

SECTION 2.

This Resolution shall supersede and repeal Resolution No. 2025-__ implementing a burn on open burning according to the provisions stated herein.

SECTION 3.

This Resolution shall take effect at 12:00 a.m., _____, May 2025.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this _____ day of May 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

DOUGLAS A. CHORVAT, JR.
Clerk of Court & Comptroller

BRIAN HAWKINS
Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:


County Attorney's Office