Militanana **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA **RESOLUTION 2025 - 158** WHEREAS, the state of Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which is misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and WHEREAS, residents should follow three key calls to action: buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and WHEREAS, Florida's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and WHEREAS, the 2025 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:** ann) (((((() **SECTION 1**. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025, as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK in Hernando County. **SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners urges all the people of Hernando County to make sure during **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Florida Fire and Emergency Services. Mala **ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 23rd day of September 2025, A.D. **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr. Brian Hawkins Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller Chairman Jerry Campbell Vice Chairman Steve Champion Commissioner Ryan Amsler John Allocco Commissioner Second Vice Chairman Maaaaa