

RESOLUTION NO.: 2023- 111

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN END TO THE DROUGHT EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-61 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 2023-61 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 2023-61 no longer exists.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall supersede and repeal Resolution 2023-61 implementing a ban on open burning according to the provisions stated herein.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect at 12:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 14th, 2023.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 13th day of June 2023.

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

Attest:

Heidi Kuyper, D.C.

DOUGLAS CHORVAT JR.
Clerk & Comptroller

By:

John Allocco
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Chairman



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