

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

RESOLUTION 2025 –

WHEREAS, in 1976, Millard and Linda Fuller founded Habitat for Humanity International in a small Georgia farm town known as Americus; and

WHEREAS, seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope through affordable homeownership; and

WHEREAS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY currently operates in more than 70 countries and in all 50 states, including the 47 affiliates located in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TAMPA BAY GULFSIDE broke ground on their first home and was recognized as an official affiliate in 1985, marking the beginning of a new era of affordable homeownership in the Tampa Bay region; and

WHEREAS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY builds and sells homes at a zero percent interest rate to income-qualified households who are unable to qualify for a traditional mortgage; and

WHEREAS, to ensure future success, homeowners are required to contribute at least 350 sweat-equity hours and attend a minimum of 36 homebuyer classes; and

WHEREAS, ultimately leading to generational wealth, Habitat homeowners elevate their quality of life through affordable homeownership; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2024, **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TAMPA BAY GULFSIDE**, was selected to expand their service area to include Hernando County, allowing them to serve more families in need; and

WHEREAS, based on new home construction, **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TAMPA BAY GULFSIDE** has been recognized as one of the top three producing Habitat affiliates nationwide for five consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, with the help of volunteers and community partners alike, **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TAMPA BAY GULFSIDE** has served over 1,150 families and will be building their 1,000th house this year.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby recognizes and congratulates **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TAMPA BAY GULFSIDE** upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners urges all citizens to join in congratulating **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TAMPA BAY GULFSIDE** on this special 40th Anniversary milestone, in thanking the organization for their commitment to promoting generational wealth by assisting homeowners in elevating their quality of life through affordable homeownership.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 12th day of August 2025, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

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