

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

RESOLUTION 2025 –

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, members of the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition's Continuum of Care identified 232 households with a total of 296 people who were literally homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Hernando County Public School System reported for school year 2024-2025, that 296 students experienced homelessness based on the Department of Education's homelessness definition; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable and sustainable housing in Hernando County for very-low-income residents to the Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) population; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers, food pantries, as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to housing, sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless and hungry including: Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., Catholic Charities of St. Petersburg, Community Food Bank, Dawn Center, Daystar Life, Brooksville Housing Authority, Hernando Board of County Commissioners, Hernando County Housing Authority, Hernando County Schools Families in Transition, The Hernando County Sheriff's Office, The Lula McGrady Foundation, People Helping People, The Salvation Army of Hernando County, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul CARES, Stephen L. Teaster II Esq., Students and Families in Transition Program, You Thrive Florida, Zero Hour Life Center, and many more; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners recognize that **HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS** continue to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Hernando County.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim November 16-22, 2025, as **NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby encourage all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens and private/public non-profit service entities.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 28th day of October, A.D

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

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