

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

RESOLUTION 2023 –

WHEREAS, in 1958 President Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1, Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2023 is Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, at times throughout our nation's history, there have been divisions in society, aggravated by incivility in public discourse and insufficient understanding about the Constitution and the way American government works. Even the Founding generation overcame deep divisions to craft our great charter of government; and

WHEREAS, all Americans must remember, as President Lincoln proclaimed, "We are not enemies, but friends... Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection;" and

WHEREAS, members of the legal profession should lead the way in promoting collaboration to overcome our differences and resolve our disputes so that we may strengthen the bonds of affection between citizens, and ensure all Americans understand how our constitutional order protects the blessings of liberty; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Americans to work together to overcome our differences, resolve our disputes, and preserve our democracy and republic; and

WHEREAS, **LAW WEEK** 2023 will be observed from April 30, 2023 through May 6, 2023, pursuant to Section 683.22, Florida Statutes, and will provide an opportunity for all citizens to affirm their appreciation of the rule of law and its impact on our way of life; and

WHEREAS, promoting public understanding of the rule of law is an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the state of Florida.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim April 30, 2023 through May 6, 2023 as **LAW WEEK** in Hernando County in recognition of the importance of the rule of law.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners encourages residents to reflect on our legal heritage as Americans, the role of law in our society, and the freedoms, rights and liberties we enjoy under our Federal and State Constitutions; and to reaffirm the basic principles of our constitutional democracy and preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 25th day of April 2023, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

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