

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2023-61**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT A DROUGHT EMERGENCY EXISTS  
IN ALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HERNANDO COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, AND IMPLEMENTING HERNANDO COUNTY ORDINANCE  
2001-02.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County (the “Board”) has adopted Ordinance No. 2001-02 setting forth the procedures to follow in the event the Board declares that a drought emergency exists; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to climatic conditions causing an extreme shortage of rainfall, a drought emergency exists in the unincorporated areas of Hernando County (the “County”); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board can implement the burn ban provisions of Ordinance No. 2001-02 by adopting a resolution.

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

**SECTION 1.**

The above-stated recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2.**

Pursuant to Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2001-02, the Fire Chief has made a written determination as to the existence of drought conditions in the County. A copy of the Fire Chief’s determination is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A.”

**SECTION 3.**

In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 2001-02 and the Fire Chief’s written determination, the Board finds that an emergency drought condition exists in the County and implements the provisions of Ordinance No. 2001-02.

**SECTION 4.**

This resolution shall remain in full force and effect until the Board by like resolution determines that emergency drought conditions no longer exist in the County, or the Fire Chief notifies the Board in writing that the Keetch-Byram Drought Index remained below 400 in the County for a period of seven consecutive days, whichever occurs first.

**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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

Attest: Hildi Kruppa, Deputy Clerk  
DOUGLAS CHORVAT, JR.  
Clerk & Comptroller

By: [Signature]  
JOHN ALLOCCO  
Chairman

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

[Signature]  
County Attorney

