

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

**RESOLUTION 2023 – 88**

**WHEREAS**, Hernando County recognizes the importance of water safety for all residents and visitors to Hernando County; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and visitors enjoy our natural water sources as well as residential and public swimming pools; and

**WHEREAS**, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for children ages 1-4 in Florida (Water Smart Florida); and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention an average of eleven fatal drownings occurs daily and twenty-two non-fatal drownings occur in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, each resident and visitor play a vital role in preventing drownings and water emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, using a multilayered approach to prevent drownings is recommended. These layers include water safety education for all; effective supervision; the use of pool fences, barriers, and alarms; high quality swim lessons; usage of US Coast Guard approved life jackets while in or near open water; and all caregivers to be aware of how to perform CPR and what to do in an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Water Safety is an opportunity to promote water safety and education on the importance of drowning prevention and water related injuries.

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

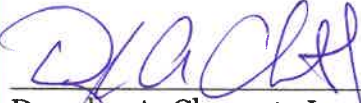
**SECTION 1.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim May 2023 as **WATER SAFETY MONTH** in Hernando County.

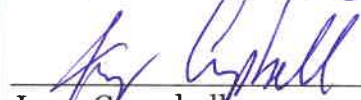
**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners encourages residents to take precautions and reduce hazards to prevent future child fatalities caused by drowning.

**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023, A.D.

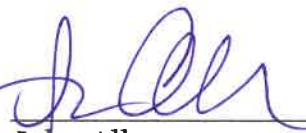
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr.  
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Campbell  
Commissioner

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Hawkins  
Commissioner

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Allocco  
Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth Narverud  
Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Champion  
Second Vice Chairman

