

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

RESOLUTION 2026 –

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 proclaims May 2026 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 12th day of May 2026, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

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