

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

**RESOLUTION 2026 –**

**WHEREAS, BEEF MONTH** is a time to recognize the importance of the beef industry and to celebrate the farmers and ranchers who work hard every day to raise and care for cattle, while also preserving the land and environment; and

**WHEREAS,** the beef industry involves thousands of American farmers, ranchers, and processors who help keep the economy strong and food on our tables; and

**WHEREAS,** beef is an important source of nutrients that are vital for supporting good health, such as protein, Vitamin B12, zinc, iron, phosphorous, and selenium; and

**WHEREAS,** the United States is the world's largest producer of beef, primarily high quality, grain-fed beef and is the second largest consumer of beef in the world, with an average of 59.2 pounds of beef consumed per person in 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** there are 86.2 million head of cattle in the United States as of January 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Florida ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in beef cows on January 1, 2026, with an inventory of 872,000, and Florida ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in total inventory of cows on January 1, 2026, with a count of 1.58 million cows; and

**WHEREAS,** by choosing to buy local and high-quality beef products, we help support the livelihoods of those directly involved in the industry. This support helps pave the way to a more sustainable and ethical industry, prioritizing the welfare of animals and the environment; and

**WHEREAS,** Hernando County farmers and ranchers work hard every day to provide us with high-quality beef products, helping support the local economy and creating more jobs for Hernando County residents.

**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 2026 as **BEEF MONTH** in Hernando County.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby urges all citizens to recognize the importance of the beef industry and celebrate the vital role they play in supporting our economy, feeding our families, and sustaining our way of life.

**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, A.D.

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Attest:

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