

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

**RESOLUTION 2026 –**

**WHEREAS**, Hernando County's long history dates back to the 1840's, during the time of the Second Seminole War; and is rich in diversity and culture that has been passed down through centuries; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 27, 1843, the County of Hernando, named in honor of Hernando Desoto, a Spanish explorer, was established by an act of the State Legislature. Hernando County was created from the southernmost section of Alachua County encompassing the lands south of the Withlacoochee, and the northernmost part of Hillsborough County north of the Anclote Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Hernando Preservation Society and the Historic Hernando Museum Association, dedicated to preserving Hernando County's past, will host the 2026 Heritage Day Festival which will take place on February 21, 2026, from 10:00 a.m., to 3:00 p.m., at the May-Stringer Museum located at 601 Museum Court, Brooksville, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, a fun-filled day is planned with a Pie Baking Contest, a Car Show, a George Washington Memorial Tent, a Civil War Wall Memorial, Horse & Wagon rides, various vendors, crafts and other activities for all ages.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim February 21, 2026, as **HERITAGE DAY** in Hernando County.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners encourages all citizens to celebrate **HERITAGE DAY** and take a "step back in time" hearing stories that helped shape our community in Hernando County.

**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026, A.D.

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Attest:

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

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