

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

RESOLUTION 2026 –

WHEREAS, by 1776, nearly 300,000 natives of Ireland had emigrated to the American colonies and played a crucial role in America's War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, at least five signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Irish descent, and three signers were Irish born, and twenty-two presidents of the United States have proudly proclaimed their Irish American heritage; and

WHEREAS, in 1792, Irish born James Hoban provided the architectural plans for the White House and served as one of the supervising architects for the construction of the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, in 1813, Captain Oliver Perry, An Irish American, achieved a major naval victory in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, the five Sullivan brothers made the ultimate sacrifice for democracy and freedom during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal and later had the Destroyer USS Sullivan commissioned in their memory; and

WHEREAS, since America's inception, Irish American's have provided and continued to provide leadership and service to this nation's political, business and religious establishments; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Irish Americans and the valuable contributions they have made.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims March 2026 as **IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby encourages all its citizens to join with the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Hernando County in celebration and support of **IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 24th day of February 2026, A.D.

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

Attest:

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

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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