

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

RESOLUTION 2026 –

WHEREAS, travel has a positive effect on Florida and the nation’s economic prosperity and image abroad; and

WHEREAS, travel impacts business productivity and individual travelers’ well-being; and

WHEREAS, travel to and within the U.S. provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.5 trillion in economic output in 2018, with nearly \$1 trillion spent directly by travelers; and

WHEREAS, travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the U.S., supporting 15.7 million jobs in 2018 including 8.9 million directly in the travel industry and 6.8 million in other industries; and

WHEREAS, traveler spending directly generated tax revenues of \$171 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs; and

WHEREAS, traveler spending in Hernando County totaled \$279.8 billion in 2024, supporting 4223 jobs with \$47 million in wages; and

WHEREAS, traveler spending in Hernando County in 2024 directly generated revenues of \$32.3 million in state and local taxes, and \$19.6 million in federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, international travel to the U.S. is the nation’s number one services export, number two overall; and

WHEREAS, leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the U.S., spurs countless benefits to travelers’ health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships; and

WHEREAS, travel is a pillar of economic growth, creating jobs at a faster rate than other sectors; and

WHEREAS, welcoming visitors from near and far always has been, and always will be, the enduring ethos of the travel industry and Florida’s Adventure Coast Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, travel matters to Florida’s Adventure Coast, Brooksville-Weeki Wachee.

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 3-10, 2026, as **NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby urges its citizens to join in this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 28th day of April 2026, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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