



DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROCLAMATION

Whereas, tourism is the number one industry in Florida; and

Whereas, tourism directly generates more than five (5) million dollars annually in overnight stays in DeSoto County; and

Whereas, DeSoto County, Florida is blessed with a rich tapestry of natural beauty, historical significance, and vibrant heritage, attracting visitors from throughout the region, country and overseas;

Whereas, tourism plays a vital role in our local economy, supporting small businesses, creating jobs, and contributing to the overall prosperity of our community; and

Whereas, the hospitality and dedication of our residents, businesses, and tourism professionals are essential to creating memorable experiences for our visitors; and

Whereas, it is fitting to recognize and celebrate the contributions of the tourism industry to the quality of life in DeSoto County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, DeSoto County, Florida, hereby proclaims May 3 through May 9, 2026, as:

National Tourism Week

ATTEST:

Mandy Hines
County Administrator

Steve Hickox
Chairman