

**DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - \_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE COUNTY'S INDIGENT OR UNCLAIMED REMAINS DISPOSITION POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Florida law provides that all counties are charged with the burial or cremation of unclaimed or indigent remains at the counties' expense; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to sections 406.50(5) and 406.52(2), Florida Statutes, the County Commissioners or other legally authorized person in the county where such person died is responsible to cause the remains to be buried or cremated per the rules, laws, and practices for disposing of such unclaimed remains; and

**WHEREAS**, the law was enacted to ensure that unclaimed and indigent remains are properly disposed of for public health purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2006, DeSoto County (the "County") adopted a Policy Concerning Indigent and Unclaimed Body Disposition (the "Policy") to provide uniform guidance pursuant to Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, regarding disposing of deceased, indigent, and unclaimed remains, which are required, by law, to be disposed of at public expense (the "Program"); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2012, the County amended the Program Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Program Policy requires updating to conform to Florida Statutes, and to provide additional guidance to County staff concerning the determination of eligibility of the deceased for the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board further finds that amending the Program Policy is in the best interests of the residents of DeSoto County.

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

**SECTION 1.** The findings and conclusions set forth in the above "Whereas Clauses" are adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County adopts the amended and restated "Policy Concerning Indigent or Unclaimed Remains Disposition" attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption in accordance with the law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of July, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mandy Hines  
County Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Hickox, Vice-Chairman

**Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie Vicente,  
County Attorney