

**DESOTO COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING THAT A DROUGHT EMERGENCY EXISTS IN DESOTO COUNTY AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF “THE EMERGENCY DROUGHT CONDITIONS FIRE HAZARD” ORDINANCE.**

**WHEREAS** the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, on May 23, 2017, adopted Ordinance NO 2017-07, “The Emergency Drought Conditions Fire Hazard” Ordinance, and

**WHEREAS**, for the past several months DeSoto County has had a significant rainfall deficit leading to drought like conditions in the County, and

**WHEREAS**, this drought like condition has greatly affected vegetation in the County by making it very susceptible to wildfires: and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, has approved this Declaration of Drought Emergency pursuant to Ordinance NO 2017-07, and finds that it is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;

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

1. Open burning is hereby prohibited throughout DeSoto County, unless authorization is obtained from the Florida Forest Service.
2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Declaration of Drought Emergency which declares that a drought emergency exists in DeSoto County.
3. The provision of Ordinance NO 2017-07 are hereby implemented effective immediately.
4. The County Administrator is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, the DeSoto County Public Safety Department and Office of Emergency Management, and to the Sheriff of DeSoto County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, this 18th day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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MANDY HINES  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JC DERISO  
CHAIRMAN

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

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VALERIE VICENTE  
COUNTY ATTORNEY