

**DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO: 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, DeSoto County Sheriff's Office (the "Sheriff's Office") is experiencing a need for the replacement of equipment the agency currently possesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Justice (the "Agency") has created and administers the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Grant (the "Grant Program") to assist local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body armor vests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office provides bulletproof vests for its officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the financial assistance from the Grant Program would financially benefit the Sheriff's Office in procuring bulletproof vests for its police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the Grant Program provides funds to the Sheriff's Office for the cost of body armor vests on a reimbursement basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office desires to apply for certain grant funds (the "Grant Funds") from the Grant Program in furtherance of purchasing bulletproof vests (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency requires that the Chief Executive of the applicant government (i.e., the County Administrator) submit an application (the "Application") as a condition of being considered for an award of the Grant Funds from the Grant Program in furtherance of funding the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, submitting the Application to be considered for an award of the Grant Funds from the Grant Program in furtherance of funding the Project is in the public interest and in the interests of the County.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Department of Justice under Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant is declared to be a workable program for providing needed replacement equipment for the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office indicated in the proposed application.

**SECTION 2.** The COUNTY COMMISSION hereby directs the Chief Executive (i.e., the County Administrator) to execute all necessary certifications of the Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant application and grant award.

**SECTION 3.** That the County Commission directs the Chief Executive (i.e., the County

Administrator) to execute and submit the attached application, certifications and assurances to the DOJ for approval.

**SECTION 4.** That the Chief Executive (i.e., the County Administrator) is authorized and directed to submit additional information in a timely manner as may be required by the DOJ for the grant application and grant award.

**SECTION 5.** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

**ATTEST:**

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Mandy Hines  
County Administrator

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Steve Hickox  
Chairman

Approved as to form and  
Legal sufficiency:

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Valerie Vicente, County Attorney