GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-38

A RESOLUTION OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA ("COUNTY") ELECTING TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING A NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT(S) LEVIED WITHIN THE COUNTY; STATING A NEED FOR SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Glades County, Florida (the "County") is contemplating the imposition of a special non-ad valorem assessment for the provision of fire services, the definition of which includes, but is not limited to, fire prevention, fire protection, fire suppression, and standby readiness to provide fire protection and fire suppression services and/or the imposition of a special non-ad valorem assessment for the provision of emergency rescue services, the definition of which includes, but is not limited to, emergency response, emergency medical, emergency transport, and standby readiness to provide emergency rescue services; and,

WHEREAS, the County intends to use the uniform method for collecting a non-ad valorem special assessment(s) for the cost of providing fire services and/or emergency rescue services to property within the County as authorized by § 197.3632, Florida Statutes, as amended, because this method will allow such special assessment to be collected annually commencing in November 2026, in the same manner as provided for ad valorem taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the County held a duly advertised public hearing prior to the adoption of this Resolution, proof of publication of such hearing being attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.

The Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida is authorized to adopt this Resolution by Florida Law.

SECTION 2. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.

The recitals set forth above are true and correct and form a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. USE OF UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING ASSESSMENT.

1. Commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2025, (which includes the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026), and with the tax statement mailed for such calendar year and continuing thereafter until discontinued by the County, the County intends to use the uniform method of collecting a non-ad valorem assessment authorized in § 197.3632, Florida Statutes, as amended, for collecting a non-ad valorem assessment for the cost of providing fire services and/or a non-ad valorem assessment for the cost of providing emergency rescue services. Such non-ad valorem assessment(s) shall be levied within the County. A legal description of such area subject to the assessment(s) is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated by reference.

2. The County hereby determines that the levy of an assessment(s) as described herein is needed to fund the cost of fire services and/or emergency rescue services within the County.

3. Upon adoption, the County Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution by United States mail to the Florida Department of Revenue, the Glades County Tax Collector, and the Glades County Property Appraiser within ten (10) calendar days of its adoption, i.e. on or before December 19, 2025.

SECTION 4. SCRIVENER'S ERRORS.

Sections of this Resolution may be renumbered or re-lettered and corrections of typographical errors which do not affect the intent may be authorized by the County Manager, or the County Manager's designee, without need of further decision-making action by the Board of Commissioners, by filing a corrected copy of same with the County Clerk.

SECTION 5. CONFLICT.

Any provision of any Glades County resolution or regulation which is in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution is repealed prospectively to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION.

The terms and provisions of this Resolution shall be liberally construed to affect the purpose for which it is adopted.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

If any portion of this Resolution is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, invalid or void, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution. If this Resolution shall be held to be inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such holding shall not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other person or circumstances.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall take effect upon the adoption of this Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Glades County, Florida.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Sapp, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor, and being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Timothy (Tim) Stanley	✓ Yes	No
Hattie Taylor	✓ Yes	No
Jeffrey Patterson	✓ Yes	No
Jerry "Gator" Sapp	✓ Yes	No
Jefferson Barnes	✓ Yes	No

This Resolution was duly passed and adopted this 9 day of December, 2025.

GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA,
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Timothy (Tim) Stanley, Chair

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEAL GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Richard W. Pringle, County
Attorney

ATTEST: SEAL

Tami P. Simmons, Clerk of Courts
or her designee

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK GLADES COUNTY • FLORIDA

EXHIBIT A

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Arizona • Delaware • Florida • Maryland
Delaware Printing Company • Valley Newspapers

INDEPENDENT NEWS MEDIA

Celebrating & Connecting Our Communities

Proof of Publication

12/3/2025

STATE OF FLORIDA:
COUNTY OF GLADES:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared **Katrina Elsken Muros**, who on oath says that she is **Editor in Chief** of the **Lake Okeechobee News**, a weekly newspaper published in **Glades County, Florida**; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a **Public Notice** in the matter of

Public Notice

in the **20th Judicial District of the Circuit Court of Glades County, Florida**, was published in said newspaper in the issues of or by publication on the newspaper's website, if authorized, on
Lake Okeechobee News: 11/12/2025, 11/19/2025, 11/26/2025, 12/3/2025
LakeONews.com: 11/12/2025, 11/13/2025, 11/14/2025, 11/15/2025, 11/16/2025, 11/17/2025, 11/18/2025, 11/19/2025, 11/20/2025, 11/21/2025, 11/22/2025, 11/23/2025, 11/24/2025, 11/25/2025, 11/26/2025, 11/27/2025, 11/28/2025, 11/29/2025, 11/30/2025, 12/1/2025, 12/2/2025, 12/3/2025

Affiant further says that the newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

Katrina Elsken Muros

Katrina Elsken Muros

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of
Physical Presence **X Online Notarization**
physical presence or online notarization, this
12/3/2025

JANET SUE MAGRAY
MY COMMISSION # HH 674613
EXPIRES: May 12, 2029

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA (THE "COUNTY") HEREBY PROVIDES NOTICE PURSUANT TO § 197.3632(3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ALL LANDOWNERS IN GLADES COUNTY OF ITS INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING A NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT(S) TO BE LEVIED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR THE COST OF PROVIDING FIRE SERVICES (FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE SUPPRESSION, AND STANDBY READINESS TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE SUPPRESSION SERVICES) AND/OR EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICES (EMERGENCY RESPONSE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, AND EMERGENCY TRANSPORT SERVICES) COMMENCING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND CONTINUING ANNUALLY THEREAFTER UNTIL DISCONTINUED BY THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION INDICATING AN INTENT TO ELECT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING SUCH ASSESSMENT(S) AUTHORIZED BY § 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, AT A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT 9:00 A.M. ON DECEMBER 9, 2025, AT THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 AVENUE J, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA. SUCH RESOLUTION WILL STATE THE NEED FOR THE LEVY AND WILL CONTAIN A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE LEVY. COPIES OF THE PROPOSED FORM OF RESOLUTION WHICH CONTAINS THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE LEVY ARE ON FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE GLADES COUNTY CLERK, 500 AVENUE J, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

IN THE EVENT ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION BY THE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT RESOLUTION AT THE ABOVE REFERENCED PUBLIC HEARING, A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING MAY BE NEEDED AND IN SUCH AN EVENT, SUCH PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE ON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION OR AN INTERPRETER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT GLADES COUNTY, ATTENTION COUNTY MANAGER, AT (863) 946-6000, PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE HEARING.
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EXHIBIT B

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

ALL OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution for Notification of County's Intention to Impose a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Fire Services and/or Emergency Rescue Services
DEPT/DEPT REQUEST: County Attorney
BACKGROUND/DETAIL OF REPORT: Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, requires Glades County to adopt a Resolution at a public hearing to provide the initial notification of Glades County's intention to impose a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services and/or emergency rescue services in 2026. Notice of the public hearing has been published as required by Florida law and the Affidavit of Publication will be attached to the Resolution. The adoption of the Resolution does not impose a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services and/or emergency rescue services. Instead, the adoption of the Resolution is a preliminary indication and notification by Glades County that it intends to possibly take future official action, pursuant to the requirements of Florida law, to impose a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services and/or emergency rescue services. If the County intends to impose a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services and/or emergency rescue services in the future, additional Resolutions will have to be adopted at public hearings after proper notice. If the proposed Resolution is not adopted, the County will not be able to further consider imposing a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services and/or emergency rescue services in 2026.
BUDGET IMPACT: Yes / No – If Yes, how much? From where? If a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services and/or emergency rescue services is later imposed, it will generate additional revenue for the County to operate the County's fire services and emergency rescue services for the benefit of the County residents and property owners.
COORDINATION WITH: County Manager
MOTION(S): To adopt the Resolution to provide notification of the County's intention to possibly impose a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services and/or emergency rescue services in 2026. An alternate motion is a motion to not adopt the Resolution.

REQUEST BY: County Attorney	**Meeting Date: December 9, 2025**