GLADES COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CALLING FOR A NON-BINDING REFERENDUM (ELECTION) TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTING TO THE VOTERS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, A NON-BINDING BALLOT QUESTION RELATED TO THE POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT FOR THE ENHANCEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE AVAILABILITY OF GLADES COUNTY'S FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE TITLE AND SUBSTANCE OF THE BALLOT QUESTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY OF SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION OF GLADES COUNTY TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Glades County, Florida, is authorized to present non-binding referenda (ballot questions) to the voters of Glades County pursuant to Florida law, especially Section 125.01(y), Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County is interested in knowing the sentiment of the voters of Glades County on the topic of Glades County's possible implementation of a non-ad valorem assessment for the enhancement and improvement of the availability of fire protection and emergency rescue services, as those terms are described in Glades County Resolution 2025-38, before the Board of Commissioners of Glades County, Florida takes official action to possibly implement a non-ad valorem assessment for the enhancement and improvement of the availability of its fire protection and emergency rescue services; and

WHEREAS, Glades County, Florida is authorized by law to levy and enforce non-ad valorem assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida has previously received reports and opinions from experts related to the implementation of a county-wide non-ad valorem assessment for the enhancement and improvement of the availability of Glades County's fire protection and emergency rescue services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desire calling a non-binding referendum (election) to present the question of whether the voters of Glades County support the implementation of a

county-wide non-ad valorem assessment to fund the enhancement and improvement of the availability of Glades County's fire protection and emergency rescue services, as those terms are described in Glades County Resolution 2025-38.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida, that:

SECTION ONE: AUTHORITY

This Resolution is adopted pursuant to Florida law.

SECTION TWO: FINDINGS

The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION THREE: REFERENDUM

A non-binding referendum (election) is hereby called and ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, as a part of the general election, for the purpose of asking the Glades County voters whether they support the Glades County Board of County Commissioners adopting a county-wide non-ad valorem assessment to fund the enhancement and improvement of the availability of Glades County's fire protection and emergency rescue services, as those terms are described in Glades County Resolution 2025-38.

SECTION FOUR: BALLOT LANGUAGE

The wording and title of the non-binding referendum question on the ballot shall be as follows:

Title of Ballot Question:

Non-Binding Referendum on Funding Glades County, Florida's Fire and Emergency Rescue Services

Alternative Title of Ballot Question:

Non-Binding Referendum to Consider a County-Wide Fire and Emergency Rescue Services Special Assessment

Ballot Question Wording:

Should the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida consider adopting a county-wide non-ad valorem assessment to fund the enhancement and improvement of the availability of fire protection and emergency rescue services provided by Glades County?

Yes _____
No _____

Alternate Ballot Question Wording:

Should the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida consider adopting a county-wide non-ad valorem assessment to fund the enhancement and improvement of the availability of fire protection and emergency rescue services provided by Glades County up to a maximum initial assessment of $_____ per _____?

Yes _____
No _____

SECTION FIVE: NOTICE

Notice of the non-binding referendum will be published as required by law with the notice containing the title and text of the proposed non-binding referendum question. The notice shall also be placed on Glades County's website at www.myglades.com no later than September 1, 2026.

SECTION SIX: CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION

The election shall be conducted according to the requirements of law governing Glades County non-binding referenda held in a general election.

SECTION SEVEN: AUTHORITY OF SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

The non-binding referendum (election) shall be held as conducted and directed by the Glades County Supervisor of Elections at the times for opening and closing the polls, and in the manner provided by law, and at reasonable and available polling places determined by the Supervisor of Elections, on November 3, 2026, throughout all of Glades County, Florida so that all electors of Glades County, Florida can participate and vote in the non-binding referendum (election). The ballots used in the election shall be in a form as provided by law. Absentee ballots shall be prepared and made available as provided by law.

SECTION EIGHT: AUTHORITY TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida, with the assistance of the County Manager and the County Attorney, to make all corrections and amendments to the ballot, schedule, and matters resolved herein as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

SECTION NINE: 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 action of the Board, by filing a corrected copy of same with the County Clerk.

SECTION TEN: 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 ELEVEN: SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or other provision of this Resolution is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, inoperative, or void, by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION TWELVE: LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION

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

SECTION THIRTEEN: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida.

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

NAME	YES	NO
Timothy (Tim) Stanley	✓	
Jeffrey Patterson	✓	
Jerry Sapp	✓	
Hattie Taylor	✓	
Jefferson Barnes	✓	

This Resolution was duly passed and adopted this 14 day of April, 2026.

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