GLADES COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CALLING FOR AN ELECTION (REFERENDUM) TO APPROVE SINGLE MEMBER REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS BY THE ELECTORS VOTING IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY OF SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION OF GLADES COUNTY TO MAKE CORRECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS: PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 124.011, Florida Statutes, authorizes the County Commissioners to call for an election (referendum) of the electors in Glades County to approve a proposition authorizing single member representation by the County Commissioners within the County Commission Districts of Glades County; and,

WHEREAS, the current five (5) County Commissioners are elected in Glades County on a county wide basis; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and in the best interests of Glades County to call for an election (referendum) on a proposition to be presented to the qualified electors in Glades County to consider approval of single member representation within the five (5) County Commission Districts of Glades County as provided in Section 124.011, Florida Statutes.

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

SECTION ONE: INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

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

SECTION TWO: AUTHORITY

The Board of County Commissioners is authorized to adopt this Resolution calling for an election of the electors of Glades County to consider a proposition to approve single member County Commission Districts for the County Commissioners as authorized by Florida law, especially Section 124.011, Florida Statutes.

SECTION THREE: APPROVAL OF ELECTION (REFERENDUM) ON A PROPOSITION CALLING FOR SINGLE MEMBER REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE FIVE (5) COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS OF GLADES COUNTY

Based upon the recitals stated above and other facts considered by the Board of County Commissioners during the process of adopting this Resolution, the Board of County Commissioners hereby calls for a referendum (election) to be held during the general election on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of having all of the qualified electors residing within the boundaries of Glades County to determine whether each of the five (5) County Commissioners in Glades County shall be elected from single member districts for the five (5) County Commission Districts in existence from time to time.

SECTION FOUR: BALLOT LANGUAGE

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

SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Shall the five (5) members of the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida, be elected to office from single-member districts by electors residing in each of those districts only?

Yes _____
No _____

SECTION FIVE: REFERENDUM

A referendum (election) is hereby called and ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of asking the Glades County voters whether they approve each of the five

(5) County Commissioners in Glades County to be elected from single member districts for the five (5) County Commission Districts in existence from time to time.

SECTION SIX: AUTHORITY OF SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

The 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 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 SEVEN: NOTICE

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

SECTION EIGHT: CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION

The referendum (election) shall be conducted according to the requirements of law governing Glades County held in a general election.

SECTION NINE: 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 TEN: IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGE TO SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS

In the event the referendum (ballot question) passes so that single member districts are approved for the Board of County Commissioners, the revision to single member districts shall be implemented over the next two election cycles held in 2028 and 2030 for the County Commission seats that are up for election in those years. The County Commission seats up for election in the 2028 election cycle will be elected on a County Commission district wide basis for their district (seat) area only and the County Commission seats up for election in the 2030 election cycle will be elected on a County Commission district wide basis for their district (seat) area only. Thereafter, all County Commission seats will be elected on a County Commission district wide basis for their district (seat) area only and not on a county wide basis until further official action as provided by law.

SECTION ELEVEN: DELIVERY OF COPIES

Certified copies of this Resolution shall be promptly delivered by the Glades County Manager to the Glades County Supervisor of Elections and the Glades County Clerk.

SECTION TWELVE: 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 of County Commissioners, by filing a corrected copy of same with the County Clerk.

SECTION THIRTEEN: 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 FOURTEEN: LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION

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

SECTION FIFTEEN: 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 SIXTEEN: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Sapp, 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	✓	
Jefferson Barnes	✓	
Hattie Taylor	✓	
Jerry Sapp	✓	

This Resolution was duly passed and adopted this 27 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