

LEON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AFFIRMING THE COUNTY’S COMMITMENT TO TREATING ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT, REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENETIC INFORMATION, OR DISABILITY.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, 250 years ago, the founders of our nation authored and signed the Declaration of Independence establishing unalienable rights and the moral foundation for equality, respect, and dignity in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Leon County is a collection of human beings with distinct backgrounds, beliefs, and values that reflect the greatness of our community; and

WHEREAS, in order to foster a cohesive and vibrant community, we must begin with respect and appreciation of every individual that calls Leon County home; and

WHEREAS, fostering a culture of respect is essential for maintaining social cohesion, reducing polarization, and upholding democratic values in order to ensure our community realizes its full potential; and

WHEREAS, Leon County has been steadfast in its commitment to treating all individuals with dignity and respect, regardless of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, genetic information, or disability.

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

Section 1. Leon County Affirms its Commitment to Treating all Individuals with Dignity and Respect, Regardless of Age, Race, Color, Creed, Religion, Sex, Gender identity, Sexual Orientation, National Origin, Genetic Information, or Disability.

The Board acknowledges that fostering a culture of respect is essential for maintaining social cohesion, reducing polarization, and upholding democratic values.

1 The Board upholds a commitment to civil discourse, encouraging respectful dialogue and the
2 avoidance of personal attacks, even during disagreement.

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4 In an era characterized by an abundance of communication forums which are monetized by the
5 loudest and most outlandish personas, fostering mutual respect is our collective duty and remains
6 essential for achieving a harmonious, functioning society.


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8 Respect for others goes beyond politeness to encompass kindness, active listening, and
9 empathy, fostering trust and safe, healthy relationships. By treating others with dignity and respect,
10 we build a harmonious society, strengthen community bonds, and encourage mutual respect in return.

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12 **Section 2. Effective Date.**


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14 This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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16 DONE, ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County,
17 Florida, this 14th day of April, 2026.

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19 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

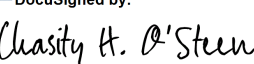
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23 By: _____
24 Christian Caban, Chairman
25 Board of County Commissioners

26 ATTESTED BY:
27 Gwen Knight, Clerk of Court
28 & Comptroller, Leon County, Florida

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33 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
34 Chasity H. O'Steen, County Attorney
35 Leon County Attorney's Office

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