

RESOLUTION NO. 26-R_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO SUPPORT THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM EFFORTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners (Board) recognizes the importance of efficient water use to protect and sustain its local water supply and related natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required by permit to promote water conservation initiatives, which include but are not limited to conservation rate structures, a countywide landscape irrigation Ordinance, homeowner workshops, and irrigation evaluation and education services; and

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (Authority), through its own recognition of the importance of water use efficiency, has created a local government water supply assistance grant program which provides funding to member governments specifically for water conservation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board is seeking a grant through the Authority's funding assistance program for low flow-toilet rebates, low-flow retrofit kits, rain sensors, and homeowner education elements of its overall water conservation programming in Fiscal Year 2026/2027; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required, according to the terms of the Authority's funding assistance program, to budget and expend matching funds equal to or greater than fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the requested grant;

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

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

2. Marion County Board of County Commissioners supports and approves the application to the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority for local grant program funding for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.
3. Marion County Board of County Commissioners agrees to budget \$38,450.00 as part of its on-going Water Use Efficiency program and to expend its matching funds as required by the grant funding program.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

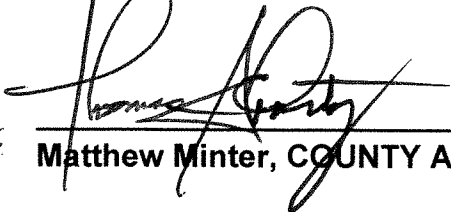
Carl Zalak, III, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Gregory C. Harrell, CLERK

**FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF
MARION COUNTY ONLY.**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Matthew Minter, COUNTY ATTORNEY