Resolution 2025- 28

A Resolution of Appreciation for Legislative Support of the Jefferson County Historic Courthouse Restoration

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Historic Courthouse is a treasured landmark and vital center of civic life, and

WHEREAS, the preservation and restoration of this historic structure is essential to maintaining its integrity and continued service to the citizens of Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has allocated \$375,000 in the FY 2025 budget to support necessary repairs and improvements to the courthouse, and

WHEREAS, this funding was secured through the outstanding leadership and advocacy of State Representative Allison Tant and Senator Corey Simon, whose commitment to Jefferson County and its historic assets was instrumental in achieving this appropriation, and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis demonstrated his support for Jefferson County and its historic preservation efforts by approving the FY 2025 budget, thereby ensuring that this vital funding would be made available, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's continued commitment to safeguarding Florida's cultural and historical heritage is deeply appreciated by the citizens of Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Castelo, lobbyist for Jefferson County, provided valuable support and coordination throughout the legislative process,

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

- 1. The Board formally expresses its sincere gratitude to Representative Allison Tant and Senator Corey Simon for their exceptional efforts in securing funding for the restoration of the Jefferson County Historic Courthouse.
- 2. Their leadership has made a lasting impact on the preservation of our county's heritage and the well-being of our community.
- The Board extends its appreciation to Governor Ron DeSantis for approving the FY 2025 budget and for his steadfast support of Florida's historic landmarks and rural communities.
- 4. The Board also acknowledges Mr. John Castelo for his dedicated support and assistance throughout the legislative process.
- 5. A copy of this resolution shall be entered into the official record and presented to each honoree as a token of appreciation.

Adopted this 14 day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Austin Hosford, Chair

ATTEST:

Cecil "Trey" Hightower, Clerk of Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Evan Rosenthal, County Attorney