

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ANY PROPOSED LEGISLATION HAVING THE EFFECT OF CONSOLIDATING FISCALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTIES WITH OTHER COUNTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County (“County”) is a rural county in North Florida; and

WHEREAS, the County aims to preserve and protect its rural community, atmosphere, natural environment and cultural diversity, and develop the County’s economic resources, expand sustainable business environment, and create job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the County is considered a fiscally constrained county pursuant to Section 218.67, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the County has become aware that legislation may be filed during the 2026 state legislative session that would have the effect of forcing the consolidation of fiscally constrained counties with other counties; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of Jefferson County with one or more neighboring counties is antithetical to principles of local control and self-determination and would threaten the unique way of life in Jefferson County, to the detriment of the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County hereby wishes to express its opposition to any legislation that may be filed during the 2026 state legislative session that would have the effect of forcing the consolidation of fiscally constrained counties with other counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

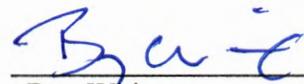
SECTION 1. The foregoing findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a material part hereof.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County is hereby opposed to any legislation that may be filed during the 2026 state legislative session that would have the effect of forcing the consolidation of fiscally constrained counties with other counties.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

(Signature Page Follows)

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 5th day of February, 2026.



Ben White
Chairman

ATTEST:



Cecil "Trey" Hightower
Clerk of Courts