

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 00**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A COUNTY CYBERSECURITY POLICY PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY, PURPOSE, AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida (the “Board”), is the legislative and governing body of Jefferson County, Florida, and is authorized pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(f), Florida Constitution, and Chapters 125 and 282, Florida Statutes, to carry on county government and to adopt policies necessary for the protection of County property and resources; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County owns, operates, and maintains information technology resources, data systems, networks, applications, and infrastructure that are critical to the delivery of governmental services and the protection of confidential and regulated information; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted the Florida Cybersecurity Act, codified at **Florida Statutes § 282.318**, which establishes cybersecurity requirements applicable to state agencies and local governments, including the adoption of cybersecurity standards, risk management measures, and incident response protocols; and

WHEREAS, **Florida Statutes § 282.0041** requires cybersecurity awareness training for employees and specialized training for users with elevated privileges or access to sensitive information; and

WHEREAS, **Florida Statutes § 501.171** establishes requirements for the protection of confidential personal information and mandatory breach notification procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the adoption of a comprehensive Cybersecurity Policy is necessary to (i) ensure compliance with applicable Florida Statutes and other governing law, (ii) protect County information technology resources and data assets, (iii) reduce risk of operational disruption, financial loss, and legal liability, and (iv) promote continuity of government operations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Jefferson County Cybersecurity Policy establishes administrative, technical, and physical safeguards; defines roles and responsibilities; mandates

training; establishes access controls; and provides incident response and reporting procedures consistent with statutory requirements and recognized cybersecurity best practices.

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

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby ratified and incorporated herein as legislative findings of the Board.

Section 2. Adoption of Cybersecurity Policy. The document entitled “Jefferson County Cybersecurity Policy,” attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted as official policy of Jefferson County.

Section 3. Authority and Administration.

A. The County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to implement, administer, and enforce the Cybersecurity Policy.

B. The County Manager may develop administrative procedures, standards, and internal controls necessary to effectuate the intent of the Policy, provided such procedures remain consistent with applicable law and this Resolution.

C. The County Manager is authorized to update technical standards and operational controls as necessary to address evolving cybersecurity risks, provided that any substantive policy changes shall be presented to the Board for approval.

Section 4. Applicability and Compliance.

A. The Cybersecurity Policy shall apply to all County departments, offices, boards, employees, contractors, volunteers, agents, and third-party service providers that access, manage, or utilize County information technology resources or data.

B. All covered individuals and entities shall comply with the Policy as a condition of access to County information systems and technology resources.

C. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to limit the applicability of federal or state law governing criminal conduct, public records, data privacy, or breach notification requirements.

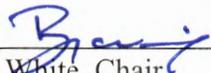
Section 5. Enforcement Failure to comply with the Cybersecurity Policy may result in administrative action, including but not limited to suspension or revocation of system access, disciplinary action in accordance with County personnel policies, contractual remedies, and referral to appropriate law enforcement authorities where warranted.

Section 6. Severability If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

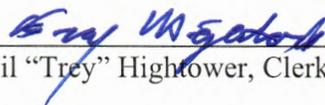
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, on this the 5th day of March 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Ber. White, Chair

ATTEST:



Cecil "Trey" Hightower, Clerk of the Circuit Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Evan Rosenthal, Esq.