

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE FOR PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE BY THE COUNTY AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 50, Fla. Stat., authorizes a county to designate a county's official website or other private website as a Publicly Accessible Website for the publication of legal notices and advertisements; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 50, Fla. Stat., authorizes governmental agencies to use the county designated Publicly Accessible Website to publish certain legal notices and advertisements; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 50, Fla. Stat. allows a governmental agency to use the Publicly Accessible Website for legally required advertisements and public notices if the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices on the Publicly Accessible Website is less than the cost of publishing advertisement and public notices in a newspaper; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners intends to designate a Publicly Accessible Website for the publication of legal notices and advertisements to extend allowed by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices on the Publicly Accessible Website is less than the cost of publishing advertisement and public notices in a newspaper.

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

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated by reference into this Resolution.
2. The URL <https://polkcounty.column.us/search> is hereby designated as the Publicly Accessible Website for governmental agencies within Polk County to publish legal notices and advertisements to the extent allowed by law.
3. The Publicly Accessible Website shall meet the legal requirements established by law prior to legal notices and advertisements being published on the website.
4. Polk County may publish legal notices and advertisement on the Publicly Accessible Website to the extent allowed by law.
5. Upon entering into an agreement with the operator of the Publicly Accessible Website, governmental agencies within Polk County may use the Publicly Accessible Website to

publish legal notices and advertisements to the extent allowed by law. The governmental agency shall be fully responsible for the governmental agency publications meeting the requirements of law.

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

**ATTEST:**  
**STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CLERK**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_