

RESOLUTION 2023- 050

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING, AND RECOMMENDING RETENTION OF, THE CURRENT INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT STATUS OF THE CITRUS COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Mosquito Control District has existed as an independent special district since 1953; and

WHEREAS, the climate and habitats within Citrus County produce over 40 species of mosquitos; and

WHEREAS, those mosquitoes can transmit diseases, including Zika, Dengue, Malaria, Encephalitis, Chikungunya, which may be extremely harmful to human health if not addressed promptly and professionally; and

WHEREAS, multiple regions of Citrus County would be virtually uninhabitable if it were not for the mosquito control activities currently performed by Citrus County Mosquito Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Mosquito Control District has developed considerable and irreplaceable expertise in the control of arthropods that would have otherwise threatened the health, safety, and welfare of citizens of Citrus County with a number of mosquito borne diseases; and

WHEREAS, the control of arthropods is essential to the ongoing economic development of Citrus County; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Mosquito Control District's control of arthropods has continued to allow the County's attractiveness to visitors and tourists to thrive; and

WHEREAS, large amounts of public recreation land exist in Citrus County for the enjoyment of residents and tourists alike, and the ability to enjoy the use of such lands would be substantially reduced if effective mosquito control does not continue; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the economic impact to Citrus County from visitors and tourists was approximately \$300 million; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Mosquito Control District is an independent special district focused solely on vector and nuisance mosquito control, while developing and employing cutting edge control methods that have been founded in science; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the responsibilities and areas of expertise possessed by both Citrus County and the independent Citrus County Mosquito Control District, it is clear that the continued function of this independent special district is vital to the prosperity, health, safety and welfare of Citrus County.

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

1. The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners supports the continued operation of mosquito control efforts under the independent special district known as the Citrus County Mosquito Control District;
2. The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners does not desire to assume responsibility for mosquito control within Citrus County;
3. The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners does not believe there are any worthwhile cost savings or economies of scale that would be achieved by the County taking over the functions of the highly successful Citrus County Mosquito Control District; and
4. The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners recommends to the Florida Legislature that the current independent special district status of the Citrus County Mosquito Control District be retained in the Laws of Florida.
5. The Clerk is directed to send this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House and Citrus County Legislative Delegation.

THIS RESOLUTION was duly adopted and recorded in the minutes this 20th day of June, 2023.

**CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

BY: Ruthie Davis Schlabach
Chairman Ruthie Davis Schlabach

APPROVED

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**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

ATTEST:

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ANGELA VICK, CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR
RELIANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY ONLY:

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DENISE A. DYMOND LYN,
COUNTY ATTORNEY



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June 21, 2023

Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution Number 2023-050 adopted by the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners at their meeting held on June 20, 2023, supporting, and recommending retention of, the current independent special district status of the Citrus County Mosquito Control District

Respectfully,

Angela Vick, Clerk

By: Tifani White, *Deputy Clerk*

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The Honorable Paul Renner, Speaker
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