BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS **RESOLUTION NO. 27-004**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING OCTOBER 8, 2026, AS WORLD SIGHT DAY IN PASCO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Pasco County is home to people of all ages with vision loss, the most significant disability experienced by children and adults; and

WHEREAS, one in three children enter school with vision loss; 75 percent of adults use some form of vision correction; and seniors are at an increased risk of falls, social isolation, and depression due to vision issues; and

WHEREAS, the ability to see clearly provides an individual with hope and the ability to read, perform daily tasks, secure meaningful employment, drive an automobile, and see the faces of loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Preserve Vision Florida, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was initially established as an affiliate of the National Society to Prevent Blindness, was founded by Mildred Baynard of St. Petersburg in 1957 and will celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2027; and

WHEREAS, Preserve Vision Florida's mission is to promote healthy vision through vision health awareness and education for all ages, vision screenings for children and adults, assistance to obtain medical eye care, and advocacy for vision and medical eye care services; and

WHEREAS, the late Marvin and Elizabeth "Betsy" Holloway, longtime Pasco County residents, established the Holloway Foundation to leave a legacy in support for those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Holloway Foundation provided a generous gift to Preserve Vision Florida to support the expansion of their services into Pasco County; and

WHEREAS, in the upcoming year, Preserve Vision Florida will help two thousand Pasco County children and adults see their bright futures by providing more than 4,000 services, including vision screenings, eye exams and glasses, and vision health education; and

WHEREAS, World Sight Day is observed annually on the second Thursday in October and serves as a day of awareness to focus local and global attention on preserving vision and preventing blindness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, that said Board hereby declares October 8, 2026, as World Sight Day in Pasco County and urges all of its citizens, businesses, and other organizations to make eye health and safety a lifelong priority, ensuring that we can all see our own bright futures.

DONE AND RESOLVED in regular session with a quorum present and voting this 6th day of October 2026.

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