

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
A DUDA & SONS, INC.**

WHEREAS, A. Duda & Sons, Inc. (DUDA) was founded in 1926 by Andrew Duda, a Slovak immigrant who established a celery farm in Central Florida. That same year, Andrew and his three sons—John, Andrew Jr., and Ferdinand—harvested their first cash crop of celery and formally established A. Duda & Sons, launching what would become a significant agricultural enterprise rooted in the rich farmlands of Oviedo in Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County—once known as the “Celery Capital of the World”—provided the fertile foundation for DUDA’s early growth, and the company played an integral role in shaping the region’s agricultural heritage and economic development; and

WHEREAS, DUDA’s longstanding presence in and around Lake Jesup and the surrounding rural communities helped define the character and growth of southeastern Seminole County, contributing to its farming legacy and long-term commitment to responsible land stewardship; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, DUDA has grown from a small family farm into a nationally recognized, diversified company, all while maintaining deep ties to Seminole County and upholding the family values and principles that guided its founding generations; and

WHEREAS, DUDA’s dedication to responsible land management, environmental stewardship, and thoughtful development reflects its enduring respect for the natural resources and quality of life that define Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, for five generations, the Duda family has demonstrated leadership, innovation, sustainability, and community engagement, carrying forward a legacy that began in Seminole County and continues to positively influence the region today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, do hereby recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of A. Duda & Sons, Inc. (DUDA) and extends our sincere appreciation for the company’s historic and ongoing contributions to the agricultural heritage, economic vitality, and environmental stewardship of Seminole County.

ADOPTED this 28th day of April 2026

Andria Herr, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners