

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE PAHOKEE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI PICNIC AS AN ANNUAL CITY-SPONSORED COMMUNITY EVENT; APPROVING THE 2026 PAHOKEE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI PICNIC PROPOSAL, AS SET FORTH HERETO IN EXHIBIT "A"; APPROVING PARTICIPATION FEES; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF COLLECTED FUNDS TO OFFSET EVENT EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee ("City") successfully hosted the inaugural Pahokee High School Alumni Picnic in 2025, which brought together alumni, families, residents, and community stakeholders in a positive celebration of the City's history and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the public purpose served by the Alumni Picnic in promoting civic pride, alumni engagement, community unity, cultural heritage, and economic activity within the City of Pahokee; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to establish the Pahokee High School Alumni Picnic as an annual City-sponsored event to be held for the benefit of current and former residents, graduates, and visitors while preserving and celebrating the legacy of Pahokee High School; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that continued support of the Alumni Picnic will strengthen community relationships, encourage intergenerational engagement, and provide opportunities for alumni classes, local businesses, vendors, and community organizations to participate in a family-oriented event; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes and appreciates the efforts of the independent PHS Alumni Committee in organizing, promoting, and supporting the Alumni Picnic and desires to maintain the Committee's ongoing input and participation in the planning and development of future Alumni Picnic events; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission further finds that establishing a consistent fee structure for class participation and vendors will assist with long-term planning, event

sustainability, and the offsetting of operational expenses associated with future Alumni Picnics; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that revenues generated through Alumni Picnic registration fees, vendor fees, sponsorships, and donations should be dedicated to supporting and sustaining the Alumni Picnic as an annual community event; and may also be utilized in part as sponsorship or donation support for a designated organization or entity located and operated in the City of Pahokee selected jointly by the City and the independent PHS Alumni Committee, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Pahokee High School Picnic is proposed to be held on September 26, 2026, at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, located at 380 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd E, Pahokee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it to be in the best interests of the City to approve the 2026 Pahokee High School Alumni Picnic Proposal, attached as exhibit "A" hereto, establish participation fees, authorize the use of collected revenues to offset event expenses, and authorize City staff to support the planning and implementation of the event.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Representations. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Approval and Authorization. The City Commission hereby declares the Pahokee High School Alumni Picnic to be an annual community event and encourages continued collaboration among alumni, volunteers, community organizations, City staff, and the independent PHS Alumni Committee to ensure its long-term success. The City Commission further recognizes the independent PHS Alumni Committee as an advisory partner in the planning and development of the Alumni Picnic and encourages the Committee's continued involvement and input regarding event operations, programming, activities, fundraising efforts, and future enhancements. Nothing herein shall be construed as delegating governmental authority or decision-making authority of the City Commission or City administration.

Section 3. Conflict. All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby and expressly repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 9th day of June, 2026.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.
City Attorney

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Mayor Babb	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor McDonald	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Cowan-Williams	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner McPherson	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Scott	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)

EXHIBIT "A"
2026 PAHOKEE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI PICNIC PROPOSAL
(ATTACHED)