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Meeting Date
October 18, 2016



AGENDA	
Section	Resolution
Item No.	I A

**AGENDA REPORT**  
*BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

SUBJECT:	Resolution, Re: Proclaiming the month of November as Puerto Rican Heritage Month
DEPT/OFFICE:	Jim Barfield, District 2 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of November 2016 as Puerto Rican Heritage Month.

Summary Explanation & Background:

The resolution will be received by:

Samuel Lopez

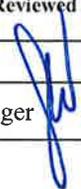
Name: Bridget Minnick  
Phone: 454-6601

Clerk to the Board instruction: Framed

Exhibits Attached: Resolution

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney    Yes     No

County Manager's Office    Department District 2 Commission Office

Stockton Whitten, County Manager 



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October 19, 2016

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Chairman Jim Barfield, District 3 Attn: Bridget Minnick

**RE:** Item I.A., Resolution Proclaiming the Month of November 2016 as Puerto Rican Heritage Month

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 18, 2016, adopted Resolution No.16-186, proclaiming the month of November 2016 as Puerto Rican Heritage Month. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

✓ Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

Brevard



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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

*WHEREAS, Puerto Rico was discovered by Cristobal Colon on November 19, 1493, and was colonized by the Spaniards in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century; and*

*WHEREAS, on March 3, 1917, the Jones Act was signed declaring that all Puerto Ricans are citizens of the United States, and in 1952, commonwealth status was proclaimed and has been upheld since the 1960s; and*

*WHEREAS, Puerto Rico is a self-governing island commonwealth of the United States and shares the rights and duties of U.S. citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, on November 19, 2016, Puerto Rico will celebrate the 523rd year anniversary of Cristobal Colon's discovery of the Island of Puerto Rico; and*

*WHEREAS, this year's parade themes will be celebrating the Oldest Puerto Rican Day Parade in the State of Florida named U.T.B. United Third Bridge, Inc., Florida's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade and Gala Awards, five hundred and three (503) year celebration of the Discovery of Florida by Juan Ponce De Leon, Melbourne Beach, The First Landing, celebrating twenty (20) years of partnership with the Brevard County School System, and celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Roberto Clemente Walker Award; and*

*WHEREAS, on November 4, 2016, U.T.B. United Third Bridge, Inc., Florida's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade Banquet, Gala and Taino Awards will be held at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto celebrating the accomplishments of Puerto Ricans role models, dignitaries and community leaders in celebration of our Puerto Rican Heritage; and*

*WHEREAS, U.T.B. United Third Bridge, Inc., Educational and Cultural Theater for the Performing Arts and Science, of Puerto Ricans, Spaniards, Hispanics, Caribbean, Sephardic Jews Film Society founded on April 6, 2013, will commence filming in November 2016, the Docudrama of the Juan Ponce de Leon Discovery of Florida at Melbourne Beach, Florida 1513 "The First Landing"; and*

*WHEREAS, Sunday, November 6, 2016, has been proclaimed Puerto Rican Day and United Third Bridge, Inc., Educational and Cultural Fund will host the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby proclaim the month of November 2016 as*

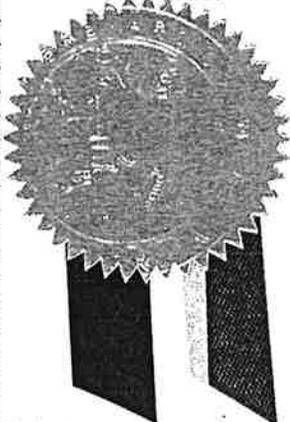
**PUERTO RICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

*DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.*

ATTEST:

*Scott Ellis*  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Jim Raffield*  
JIM RAFFIELD, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



## ***Resolution***

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***WHEREAS***, on March 3, 1917 the Jones Act was signed declaring that all Puerto Ricans are citizens of the United States; and in 1952, commonwealth status was proclaimed and has been upheld since the 1960s; and

***WHEREAS***, Puerto Rico is a self-governing island commonwealth of the United States and shares the rights and duties of U.S. citizens; and

***WHEREAS***, on November 19, 2016 Puerto Rico will celebrate the 523 year anniversary of Cristobal Colon's discovery of the Island of Puerto Rico; and

***WHEREAS***, this year's parade themes will be celebrating the Oldest Puerto Rican Day Parade in the State of Florida named U.T.B. United Third Bridge, Inc., Florida's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade and Gala Awards, five-hundred and three (503) year celebration of the Discovery of Florida by Juan Ponce De Leon, Melbourne Beach, The First Landing, Celebrating twenty (20) years of Partnership with the Brevard County School System and Celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Roberto Clemente Walker Award; and

***WHEREAS***, on November 04, 2016 U.T.B. United Third Bridge, Inc., Florida's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade Banquet, Gala and Taíno Awards will be held at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto celebrating the accomplishments of Puerto Ricans Role models, Dignitaries and Community Leaders in celebration of our Puerto Rican Heritage; and

***WHEREAS***: U.T.B. United Third Bridge, Inc., Educational and Cultural Theater for the Performing Arts and Science, of Puerto Ricans, Spaniards, Hispanics, Caribbean, Sephardic Jews Film Society founded on April 06, 2013 will commence filming in November 2016, the Docudrama of the Juan Ponce de Leon Discovery of Florida at Melbourne Beach, Florida 1513 "The First Landing" and

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***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA***, does hereby proclaim the month of November 2016 as

### **PUERTO RICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

***DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED***, in regular session, this 1st day of November, A.D., 2016

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JIM BARFIELD, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK