



AGENDA REPORT
April 10, 2018

SUBJECT:

Resolution, Recognizing: Dussich Dance Studio 60th Anniversary

DEPT/OFFICE:

District 2

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution recognizing and congratulating the Dussich Dance Studio on their 60th Anniversary.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

Liz Bevilacqua, studio's creative director and owner and Al Packard, studio's co-owner will be present to accept the resolution.

CLERK TO THE BOARD INSTRUCTIONS:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- **Dussich Dance Studio Resolution**



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April 11, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Jim Barfield, District 2 Attn: Liz Alward

RE: Item I.C., Resolution Recognizing the Dussich Dance Studio 60th Anniversary

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 10, 2018, adopted Resolution No. 18-043, recognizing the Dussich Dance Studio 60th Anniversary. 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



County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

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WHEREAS, the studio's creative director, Elizabeth Dussich Bevilacqua, taught dancing and baton twirling in her parents' garage prior to the studio's opening, when she was 18 years old, and still teaches classes today; and

WHEREAS, from 1966 until 1972, Marie Holland was a co-owner of the family-run studio, and since 1972, Al Packard has been a co-owner and business manager; and

WHEREAS, the studio had an enrollment of 25 students when it first opened, 125 students when it relocated to Merritt Island in 1983, and 500 students by 1987; and

WHEREAS, the studio has trained countless students who have applied the discipline and dedication they learned at Dussich to succeed in careers outside of the performing arts, as well as numerous dancers who went on to professional careers, including Melanie Hodges, who attended the Joffrey Ballet School and performed on Broadway and in national tours of "Hello, Dolly!", "Chicago", "A Chorus Line", "Cabaret" and "42nd Street"; Jenny Roberts, who joined the Belgian Opera Ballet three months after arriving in London to continue her ballet studies; Peter Chu, who received a full scholarship to Juilliard and later became the founder and artistic director of a Las Vegas-based contemporary dance company; Todd Shanks, a versatile dancer whose choreography has been featured in major commercial venues and who is currently a full-time artist in residence at Dean College near Boston; and Robert Hill, who became a principal dancer with three major ballet companies and is now in his 10th year as artistic director of the Orlando Ballet; and

WHEREAS, a 60th anniversary is an accomplishment for a business of any size and in any industry; however, it's a special achievement for a family-owned and operated dance studio in America as most are less than 50 years old, probably making Dussich the longest-running dance studio in the County and possibly one of the longest running of its kind in the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize and congratulate

DUSSICH DANCE STUDIO

on 60 years in business, and supports DUSSICH DANCE STUDIO'S efforts to make our community a better place for our children and their families.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 10th day of April, 2018.

ATTEST:

Scott Ellis
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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Scott Ellis, Clerk of Courts

Rita Pritchett, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County, Florida