

RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS  
E. ITEM 2.



AGENDA REPORT  
January 22, 2019

**Resolution-Prescribed Fire Awareness Week, District 4**

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**SUBJECT:**

Resolution, Re: Recognizing Prescribed Fire Awareness Week  
All Districts

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

FY 18/19- Approval of this item will not result in any fiscal impacts to General Revenue Funds, and has no fiscal impact to the EEL Program budget.

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

Parks and Recreation

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the Resolution recognizing Prescribed Fire Awareness Week.

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

Commissioner Smith will read the Resolution and Mike Knight, Program Manager for the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program will accept the resolution.

**CLERK TO THE BOARD INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please return Board Memo and Signed Resolution to the EEL Program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- **Resolution-Prescribed Fire Awareness Week**



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January 23, 2019

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

TO: Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4      Attn: Molly Tice

RE: Item E.2., Resolution Recognizing Prescribed Fire Awareness Week

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 22, 2019, adopted Resolution No. 19-005, recognizing Prescribed Fire Awareness Week. 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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## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Resolution

WHEREAS, Florida's unique ecosystems have been shaped by the influence of fire for millions of years, and as a result of this dynamic process, many plants and animals in Florida depend upon fire's rejuvenating properties for their ongoing survival; and

WHEREAS, Prescribed Fire is the application of fire under selected weather and fuel conditions to achieve specific goals such as nutrient recycling, wildlife habitat preservation, forest disease control, non-native plant control, and wildfire fuel reduction; and

WHEREAS, PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK was originally designated in 1997 by the Florida Governor and Cabinet to annually recognize the important role fire plays in protecting Florida's natural communities, and to remind residents that prescribed fire is a safe and cost-effective way to improve ecosystem health while reducing the risk of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, The Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program and its partner agencies utilize prescribed fire as a primary management tool to maintain biological diversity on the 27,000 acres of conservation lands acquired for long-term preservation in Brevard County through the EEL Program Referendum; and

WHEREAS, Brevard County's nature sanctuary network is largely located within the urban-interface where conservation lands are directly adjacent to both commercial and residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing management of Brevard's nature sanctuaries is largely dependent upon the ability to utilize prescribed fire to maintain healthy ecosystems and help prevent wildfires; and

WHEREAS, PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK provides an opportunity to appreciate the many ways prescribed fire benefits our wildlife populations and our communities, and emphasizes the need for ongoing support of this very important and beneficial conservation land management tool; and

WHEREAS, Brevard County residents and visitors are encouraged to support PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK by visiting an Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Management and Education Center at either the Enchanted Forest in Titusville, the Sams House in North Merritt Island, or the Barrier Island Center in Melbourne Beach to learn more about the benefits of Prescribed Fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, hereby recognizes the week of January 27<sup>th</sup> thru February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, as

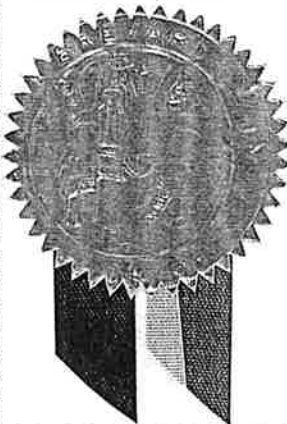
#### PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED in regular session, this 22nd day of January 2019.

ATTEST:

*Scott Ellis*  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

KRISTINE ISNARDI, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27TH THRU FEBRUARY 3RD, 2019 AS "PRESCRIBED FIRE  
AWARENESS WEEK".

**WHEREAS**, Florida's unique ecosystems have been shaped by the influence of fire for millions of years; and as a result of this dynamic process, many plants and animals in Florida depend upon fire's rejuvenating properties for their ongoing survival; and

**WHEREAS**, Prescribed Fire is the application of fire under selected weather and fuel conditions to achieve specific goals such as nutrient recycling, wildlife habitat preservation, forest disease control, non-native plant control and wildfire fuel reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, Prescribed Fire Awareness Week was originally designated in 1997 by the Florida Governor and Cabinet to annually recognize the important role fire plays in protecting Florida's natural communities; and to remind residents that prescribed fire is a safe and cost-effective way to improve ecosystem health while reducing the risk of wildfire; and

**WHEREAS**, The Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program and its partner agencies utilize prescribed fire as a primary management tool to maintain biological diversity on the 27,000 acres of conservation lands acquired for long-term preservation in Brevard County through the EEL Program Referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, Brevard County's nature sanctuary network is largely located within the urban-interface where conservation lands are directly adjacent to both commercial and residential areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing management of Brevard's nature sanctuaries is largely dependent upon the ability to utilize prescribed fire to maintain healthy ecosystems and help prevent wildfires; and

**WHEREAS**, Prescribed Fire Awareness Week provides an opportunity to appreciate the many ways prescribed fire benefits our wildlife populations and our communities; and emphasizes the need for ongoing support of this very important and beneficial conservation land management tool; and

**WHEREAS**, Brevard County residents and visitors are encouraged to support Prescribed Fire Awareness Week by visiting an Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Management and Education Center at either the Enchanted Forest in Titusville, the Sams House in North Merritt Island or the Barrier Island Center in Melbourne Beach to learn more about the benefits of Prescribed Fire.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the *Board of County Commissioners* of Brevard County hereby recognizes the week of January 27th thru February 3rd, 2019 as **Prescribed Fire Awareness Week**.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION on January 22, 2019.

ATTEST

BREVARD COUNTY COMMISSION

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Scott Ellis, Clerk

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Kristine Isnardi, Chair

As approved by the Board on  
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