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AGENDA

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Meeting Date
October 24, 2017



AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Resolution: Proclaiming the month of November 2017 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 2017 as Puerto Rican Heritage Month.

Summary Explanation & Background:

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Name: Bridget Minnick
Phone: 454-6601

Clerk to the Board Instructions: FRAME

Exhibits Attached: Resolution

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

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October 25, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Jim Barfield, District 2 Attn: Bridget Minnick

RE: Item I.B., Resolution Proclaiming the Month of November 2017 as Puerto Rican Heritage Month

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 24, 2017, adopted Resolution No.17-210, proclaiming the month of November 2017 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

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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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 16th 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, 2017, Puerto Rico will celebrate the 524th year anniversary of Cristobal Colon's discovery of the Island of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, this year's parade themes will be celebrating Immigrants that have settled in the USA, 504 year celebration of the Discovery of Florida by Juan Ponce De Leon, Melbourne Beach 1513 "The First Landing" celebrating 20 years of partnerships with the Brevard County School System, celebrating the third Annual Roberto Clemente Walker Award and establishing U.T.B. United Third Bridge, Inc. Puerto Rico Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2017, United Third Bridge, Inc., will celebrate Florida's 21st 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 honor of our Puerto Rican Heritage; and

WHEREAS, 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, commenced 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 5, 2017, has been proclaimed Puerto Rican Day and United Third Bridge, Inc. Educational and Cultural Fund will host Florida's 21st 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 2017 as

PUERTO RICAN HERITAGE MONTH

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 24th day of October, 2017.

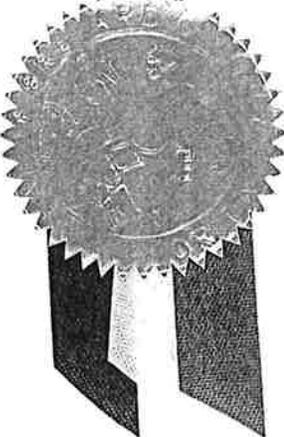
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CURT SMITH, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK



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