

Meeting Date
11/3/2015



AGENDA	
Section	RESOLUTION
Item No.	I. D.

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Resolution Recognizing November, 2015 as Native American Heritage Month and November 12 th – 15 th as Native Rhythm Festival Days in Brevard County – All Districts
DEPT/OFFICE:	County Manager's Office / Team Diversity

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve a resolution recognizing November, 2015 as Native American Heritage Month and November 12th – 15th as Native Rhythm Festival Days in Brevard County.

Summary Explanation & Background:

November of each year is designated as Native American Heritage Month as proclaimed by the President of the United States to provide an opportunity to honor the many contributions of Native Americans to our country.

The month of November is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to recognize and acknowledge the important contributions of Native Americans to the United States and the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art; as well as distinguishing themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars. It is an opportune time to educate the public about tribes, to raise awareness about the unique challenges Native Americans have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

The 7th Annual Native Rhythms Festival will be hosted by The Native Heritage Gathering, Inc. and the Indian River Flute Circle from November 12th through November 15th, at Wickham Park to celebrate Native Americans and provide Native American education and entertainment through the highest forms of art.

Accepting Resolution:

Martha S. Pessaro, Chair, Native Rhythms Festival 2015

Clerk to the Board instruction:

Exhibits Attached: Resolution

Contract /Agreement (If attached):		Reviewed by County Attorney	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Manager	Assistant County Manager		Frank Abbate		Department Director / Extension			
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager		Venetta Valdengo		<i>[Signature]</i>			



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November 4, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Manager Stockton Whitten

RE: Item I.D., Resolution Recognizing November 2015 as Native American Heritage Month and Recognizing November 12 – 15, 2015, as Native Rhythm Festival Days in Brevard County

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on November 3, 2015, adopted Resolution No. 15-209, recognizing November 2015 as Native American Heritage Month and November 12 – 15, 2015, as Native Rhythm Festival Days in Brevard County. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

/dt

Encl. (1)

cc: Assistant County Manager Valdengo

Brevard



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, Native Americans, the first peoples of the North American Continent, the land they called Turtle Island on which we now reside as Americans, hold the stories of this land through histories of developing technologies, living with the land; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have living traditions that continue to shape our Nation and preserve the heritage of their ancestors; and

WHEREAS, foundations of our modern lives are based on the named places, meanings which hold history and form the tapestry of a diverse and vast population of cultures such as: Tallahassee, Ocala, Apalachicola, and Matecumbe; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans as tribes, nations, and councils have supported our Nation through voluntary service in all branches of the military throughout history creating the largest majority of Veterans in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, November of each year is designated as **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** proclaimed by the President of the United States to provide an opportunity to honor the many contributions of Native Americans to our Country; and

WHEREAS, the Native Heritage Gathering, Inc. and the Indian River Flute Circle will host the 7th Annual **NATIVE RHYTHMS FESTIVAL DAYS** November 12th – November 15th, at Wickham Park to celebrate Native Americans and provide Native American education and entertainment through the highest forms of art.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize the month of November 2015 as

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and November 12th – 15th as

NATIVE RHYTHM FESTIVAL DAYS

and encourages our residents and visitors to become aware of the many contributions and heritage, and culture of the Native American Peoples.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 3rd day of November, 2015.

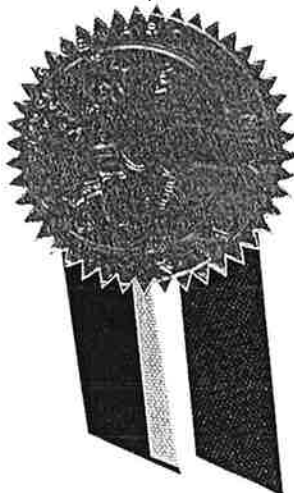
ATTEST

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Robin Fisher

ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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