



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.2.

5/18/2021

Subject:

Resolution recognizing May 20th as Emancipation Day for Brevard County and Florida

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

District 1 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the resolution recognizing May 20th as Emancipation Day for Brevard County and Florida

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex is actively working to help make the general public aware of the accurate and factual history of Florida. An important event of Florida's history is the date enslaved people were notified they were free, which was May 20, 1865.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please frame one resolution



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May 19, 2021

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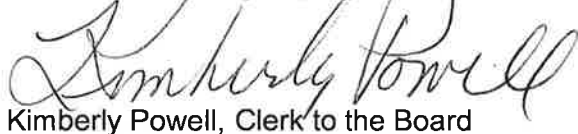
TO: Commissioner Bryan A. Lober, District 2 Attn: Robert (Fritz) VanVolkenburgh
RE: Item E.2., Resolution Recognizing May 20th as Emancipation Day for Brevard County and Florida

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 18, 2021, adopted Resolution No. 21-056, recognizing May 20th as Emancipation Day for Brevard County and Florida. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Encl. (1)

Brevard



County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, on September 22, 1862 President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, stating in part "...on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight-hundred and sixty-three; all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the People whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, henceforward, and forever free..."; and

WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not travel to certain areas of the United States for more than two years after the effective date of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on May 20th, 1865, Union General Edward M. McCook and federal forces arrived in Tallahassee, Florida and on the steps of the Knox House announced that all enslaved people in Florida are now free; and

WHEREAS, on June 19th, 1865 Union General Gordon Granger and federal forces arrived in Galveston, Texas to announce the enslaved people in Texas are now free; and

WHEREAS, June 19th or "JUNETEENTH" has been traditionally recognized and celebrated as the day slavery ended in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of June 19th as a day of Emancipation in the United States, while denoting a significant part of history, does not justly and accurately represent Florida's historical emancipation record; and

WHEREAS, the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc. Board of Directors desires to make the public aware of the comprehensive and accurate history of Florida in all regards, now call upon the Brevard County Board of Commissioners to declare and recognize May 20th as Emancipation Day in Brevard County and all of Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim

MAY 20TH EMANCIPATION DAY IN FLORIDA

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 18th day of May 2021.

ATTEST:


RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


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

RESOLUTION

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