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December 2, 2015

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

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

**RE:** Item I.C., Resolution Proclaiming December 24, 2015, as Surfing Santa Day

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 1, 2015, adopted Resolution No. 15-228, proclaiming December 24, 2015, as Surfing Santa Day 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

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Encl. (1)

Brevard



County

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

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*WHEREAS, Brevard County's surf industry greatly enhances local tourism as it draws visitors to the area from around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Brevard's surf culture and community greatly contribute to the quality of life for many residents; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2009, George Trosset, a member of the Brevard surfing community, and his family went surfing on Christmas Eve in Santa suits, which eventually led to the creation of a "Surfing Santa" event; and*

*WHEREAS, "Surfing Santas" has brought national recognition to Brevard County with their 2014 YouTube video, All About the Beach – Cocoa Beach – Surfing Santas, which was featured in USA Today on November 9, 2014; and*

*WHEREAS, "Surfing Santas" has grown into an annual gathering with almost 300 surfing Santas, 18 parachuting Santas and over 4000 spectators, contributing over \$20,000 to local charities in 2014; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Claus himself now spends Christmas Eve on the beach in Brevard County, where he can remain anonymous thanks to all of the other Surfing Santas in town, enjoying his favorite pastime, surfing, and resting before his busiest night of the year.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby proclaim December 24, 2015, as**

**SURFING SANTA DAY IN BREVARD COUNTY**

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 1st day of December, 2015. A.D.**

ATTEST:

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

  
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JIM BARFIELD, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Board of County Commissioners  
Brevard County, Florida

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Scott Ellis, Clerk