

RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS
E. ITEM 7.



AGENDA REPORT
April 9, 2019

Resolution Gopher Tortoise Day, District 4

SUBJECT:

Resolution: Proclaiming April 10, 2019 as Gopher Tortoise Day in Brevard

DEPT/OFFICE:

District 4

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board approve a Resolution proclaiming April 10, 2019 as Gopher Tortoise Day in Brevard

CLERK TO THE BOARD INSTRUCTIONS:

We would greatly appreciate this being framed.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- **Resolution Gopher Tortoise Day**



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April 10, 2019

M E M O R A N D U M

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

RE: Item E.7., Resolution Declaring April 10, 2019, as Gopher Tortoise Day in Brevard County

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 9, 2019, adopted Resolution No.19-055, declaring April 10, 2019, as Gopher Tortoise 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 Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

Brevard



County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, GOPHER TORTOISE DAY will be observed annually in Brevard County, Florida, on April 10th; and

WHEREAS, the Gopher Tortoise has been living on the earth for 500,000 to two million years; and

WHEREAS, the Gopher Tortoise today is, in the State of Florida, listed as Threatened, and in parts of the United States, is Federally listed as Threatened; and

WHEREAS, the Gopher Tortoise is considered a keystone species; and

WHEREAS, the Gopher Tortoise's burrow protects more than 350 other commensal species, some of which are also listed as Threatened; and

WHEREAS, the Gopher Tortoise's habitat needs protection; and

WHEREAS, having Gopher Tortoises and other species in Brevard County, helps to sustain our area's ecology and provide people with a source of joy and appreciation for nature.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby declare April 10th as

GOPHER TORTOISE DAY IN BREVARD COUNTY

and urges all citizens to protect this species through education and awareness.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Handwritten signature of Kristine Isnardi in cursive.

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

Resolution

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Gopher Tortoise Day in Brevard County

and urge all citizens to help protect this species through education and awareness.

Done, Ordered, and Adopted, in regular session, this 9th day of April 2019.