



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.1.

5/7/2024

Subject:

Resolution recognizing May 25, 2024 as Family Abduction Awareness Day

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

District 5 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the BOCC approves the resolution recognizing May 25, 2024 as Family Abduction Awareness Day.

Summary Explanation and Background:

None

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please provide one framed copy of the resolution to be handed out at the meeting.



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May 8, 2024

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Jason Steele, District 5

RE: Item E.1., Resolution Recognizing May 25, 2024, as Family Abduction Awareness Day

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 7, 2024, adopted Resolution No. 24-034, recognizing May 25, 2024, as Family Abduction Awareness Day.

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, FAMILY ABDUCTION is a devastating and traumatic experience that affects countless families across the nation, often resulting in emotional distress and long-term consequences for both the abducted children and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, May 25th is National Missing Children Awareness Day and the month of May provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate support for national efforts to reduce the threat of family abductions, reunite the children who are missing with their families, and honor all those who are working for the cause; and

WHEREAS, every 40 seconds, a child goes missing or is abducted in the United States and statistically, 90 percent of all missing children get taken by their parents or another family member; and

WHEREAS, a **FAMILY ABDUCTION** occurs when a child is taken, wrongfully retained, or concealed by a parent or other family member depriving another individual of their right to custody or visitation, even in cases with vague or absent court orders; and

WHEREAS, a **FAMILY ABDUCTION** is often an act of frustration by the perpetrator with the left-behind parent, the legal system, or his or her own situation in life; and

WHEREAS, a **FAMILY ABDUCTION** has distinctive characteristics including emotional and psychological trauma to the child and left-behind family; and

WHEREAS, Brevard County strives to remain vigilant and informed about the dangers that face children within our communities and understands that it is critical to recognize that **FAMILY ABDUCTION** is a serious crime – not only a civil matter – in all 50 states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby proclaim May 25, 2024, as

FAMILY ABDUCTION AWARENESS DAY

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 7th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

JASON STEELE, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, family abduction is a devastating and traumatic experience that affects countless families across the nation, often resulting in emotional distress and long-term consequences for both the abducted children and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, May 25th is National Missing Children Awareness Day and the month of May provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate support for national efforts to reduce the threat of family abductions, reunite the children who are missing with their families, and honor all those who are working for the cause; and

WHEREAS, every 40 seconds, a child goes missing or is abducted in the United States and statistically, 90% of all missing children get taken by their parents or another family member; and

WHEREAS, a family abduction occurs when a child is taken, wrongfully retained, or concealed by a parent or other family member depriving another individual of their right to custody or visitation, even in cases with vague or absent court orders; and

WHEREAS, a family abduction is often an act of frustration by the perpetrator with the left-behind parent, the legal system, or his or her own situation in life; and

WHEREAS, a family abduction has distinctive characteristics including emotional and psychological trauma to the child and left-behind family; and

WHEREAS, Brevard County strives to remain vigilant and informed about the dangers that face children within our communities and understands that it is critical to recognize that family abduction is a serious crime – not only a civil matter- in all 50 states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA does hereby proclaim May 25, 2024 as

FAMILY ABDUCTION AWARENESS DAY

and encourages communities to educate residents about the prevalence, risks, and consequences of family abduction.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 7th day of May, A.D., 2024.

JASON STEELE, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK