



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.2.

2/24/2026

Subject:

Resolution recognizing March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

District 5 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the BOCC approves the resolution recognizing March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month.

Summary Explanation and Background:

None

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please provide one framed copy of the resolution at the meeting.



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February 25, 2026

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Thad Altman, District 5

RE: Item E.2., Resolution Recognizing March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 24, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 26-011, recognizing March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month. 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

/ds

Encl. (1)

Brevard



County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

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WHEREAS, over the years, Irish Americans have continually provided leadership and service to this nation's political, business and religious establishments and shaped our nation's history with their outstanding achievements; and

WHEREAS, when the Irish arrived in Spanish "La Florida" in the 1500s, they worked as missionaries, mercenary soldiers, planters, traders, businessmen, doctors and administrators but quickly became powerful political leaders with three Irish military officers becoming Spanish Governors and Andrew Jackson serving as Florida's military governor following its acquisition by the United States; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Richard Arthur, an Irish-born priest from Limerick who was appointed parish priest for St. Augustine in 1597 and ecclesiastical judge of "La Florida," established the first public school in America and opened it to both boys and girls of all races; and

WHEREAS, twenty-two presidents have proudly proclaimed their **IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE**; and

WHEREAS, with the many valuable contributions of Irish Americans to our nation, it is only fitting that we celebrate their rich cultural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize March as

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 24th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

THAD ALTMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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