



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.1.

4/21/2026

Subject:

Resolution recognizing May 2026 as Citizen Engagement Month

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Dept/Office:

District 1

Requested Action:

Resolution recognizing May 2026 as citizen engagement month in Brevard County

Summary Explanation and Background:

This resolution affirms Brevard County's longstanding commitment to citizen engagement, highlighting the voter-approved creation of the Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendations (CEER) program - also known as Speak Up Brevard - as a formal avenue for residents to contribute ideas to improve County operations.

The resolution recognizes the Board's obligation to annually consider citizen recommendations and places that process within the broader context of public participation, including advisory boards, public comment, and educational programs like the Citizens Academy.

Declaring May as Citizen Engagement month also reinforces the importance of Florida's Sunshine Law in ensuring transparency and access to government, underscoring that open government is fundamental to meaningful civic involvement.

Collectively, these elements emphasize that informed and active citizen participation strengthens accountability, improves decision-making, and builds public trust.

Lastly, the resolution encourages residents to stay informed and take part in public meetings, advisory boards, and other opportunities to help shape and strengthen their local government, aligning civic engagement with the County's mission and core values.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please provide one framed resolution and one sealed copy of the resolution.



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Katie Delaney, District 1

RE: Item E.1., Resolution Recognizing May 2026 as Citizen Engagement Month

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 21, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 26-032, recognizing May 2026 as Citizen Engagement Month. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK**

Denna Scott

for: Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Encl. (1)

Brevard



County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, in 2010, the citizens of Brevard County approved a referendum establishing a formal process for a citizen engagement through the Citizen Effectiveness and Efficiency Recommendations (CEER) program, also known as the Susan B. Connolly Speak Up Brevard program, originating from a Charter Review Commission recommendation; and

WHEREAS, this referendum requires the Board of County Commissioners to annually consider citizen-submitted recommendations during the month of May; and

WHEREAS, Brevard County recognizes its residents as essential partners in governance, demonstrated through service on advisory boards, participation in public comment, and engagement through programs such as the Citizens Academy; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Sunshine Law and public records statutes ensure transparency and protect the public's right to participate in government; and

WHEREAS, active citizen engagement strengthens transparency, accountability, and effective decision-making, and supports the County's mission and core values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby proclaim May 2026 as

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT MONTH

and encourage residents to become informed and to actively participate in public meetings, advisory boards, and other avenues that strengthen local government.

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 21st day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

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RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thad Altman".

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



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2010, the citizens of Brevard County approved a referendum establishing a formal process for citizen engagement through the Citizen Effectiveness and Efficiency Recommendations (CEER) program, also known as the Susan B. Connolly Speak Up Brevard program, originating from a Charter Review Commission recommendation; and

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WHEREAS, Florida's Sunshine Law and public records statutes ensure transparency and protect the public's right to participate in government; and

WHEREAS, active citizen engagement strengthens transparency, accountability, and effective decision-making, and supports the County's mission and core values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, that May 2026 is hereby declared

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT MONTH

and encourage residents to become informed and to actively participate in public meetings, advisory boards, and other avenues that strengthen local government.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 21st day of April, A.D, 2026.

THAD ALTMAN; CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK