



AGENDA REPORT
March 20, 2018

SUBJECT:

Resolution: Gopher Tortoise Day in Brevard County.

DEPT/OFFICE:

District 4

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board approve a Resolution declaring April 10, 2018 as Gopher Tortoise Day in Brevard County.

CLERK TO THE BOARD INSTRUCTIONS:

We would greatly appreciate this being framed.

ATTACHMENTS:

- | | Description |
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| □ | Gopher Tortoise Resolution |

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer
District 4	Tice, Molly
County Manager	Abbate, Frank



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March 21, 2018

M E M O R A N D U M

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

RE: Item I.D., Resolution Declaring April 10, 2017, as Gopher Tortoise Day in Brevard County

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 20, 2018, adopted Resolution No.18-032, declaring April 10, 2018, 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

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's burrow protects more than 350 commensal species, some of which are also listed as Threatened Species; and

WHEREAS, the Gopher Tortoise is considered a "keystone species", which means that if it were removed, the ecosystem that relies on its presence would drastically suffer; 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, FLORIDA

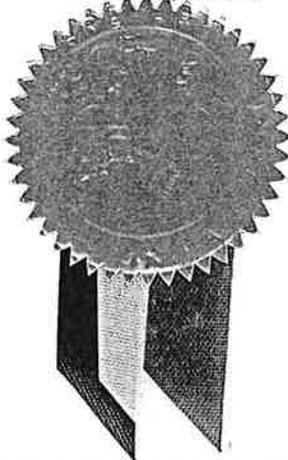
and urges all citizens to protect this species through education and awareness.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 20th day of March, 2018.

ATTEST:


SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK


RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



Resolution

Whereas, Gopher Tortoise Day will be observed annually in Brevard County, FL, on April 10th;

and

Whereas, the Gopher Tortoise has been living on the earth for 500,000 to 2 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's burrow protects more than 350 other commensal species, some of which are also listed as Threatened Species; and

Whereas, the Gopher Tortoise is considered a "keystone species," which means that if it were removed, the ecosystem that relies on its presence would drastically suffer; 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 Brevard County Board of Commissioners do hereby
declare April 10th as

Gopher Tortoise Day in Brevard County, FL,

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

Done, Ordered, and Adopted, in regular session, this 20th day of March 2018.