

RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS
E. ITEM 2.



AGENDA REPORT
February 12, 2019

Black History Month, District 5

SUBJECT:

Black History Month, February 2019

DEPT/OFFICE:

Parks and Recreation

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution recognizing February 2019 as Black History Month in Brevard County.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the immeasurable impact they have had on the history of the United States. Dr. Carter G. Woodson is credited for establishing Black History Month as a nationwide institution.

The theme Black Migrations emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities in the United States. This massive demographic shift remade our nation in ways that are still being felt today— culturally, politically, and socially. Between 1915 and 1970, more than 6 million African Americans moved out of the South to cities across the Northeast, Midwest and West.

Fannie Lou Hamer said, “Never to forget where we came from and always praise the bridges that carried us over.” As in the past, African Americans today continue to write our nation’s story with their commitment to the arts, sports, science, technology, politics and defending the United States.

The theme for 2019, as provided by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, is “Black Migrations,” and emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities. While inclusive of earlier centuries, this theme focuses especially on the 20th century through today.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ☐ **Black History Resolution February 2019**
- ☐ **Black History Month Poster**



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February 13, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Ellen Donner, Director, Parks and Recreation

RE: Item E.2., Resolution Proclaiming February 2019 as Black History Month in Brevard County

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 12, 2019, adopted Resolution No. 19-012, recognizing February 2019 as Black History Month 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, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledges the significance of Black History Month as an important opportunity to recognize the tremendous contributions of African Americans to the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that over the past century, African American life, history, and culture have become major forces in the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that this transformation is the result of effort by African American scholars, artists, athletes, leaders and others self-consciously using their talents to change how the world views African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that this movement is the product of organization, of institutions, and institution-builders giving direction to effort; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners asks the citizens of this County to commit themselves to an ideal Brevard County where equality and justice will always prevail, and to the principles of love, wisdom, and compassion toward one another; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners agrees that while we began in division, we must now move forward with purpose, united tirelessly as one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all, and honor the contribution of all pioneers who help ensure the legacy of these great United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize the month of February 2019, as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and urges the citizens of this County to be mindful of the contributions of African Americans, and all of its citizens throughout the year.

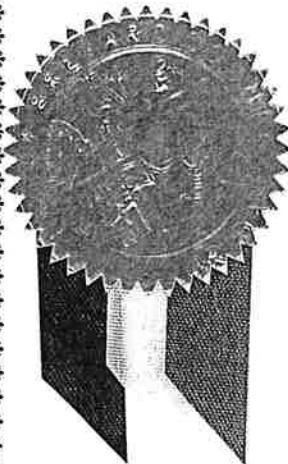
DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 12th day of February, 2019.

ATTEST:

Scott Ellis

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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



RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019,

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Commission acknowledges the significance of Black History Month as an important opportunity to recognize the tremendous contributions of African Americans to the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS acknowledges that over the past century, African American life, history, and culture have become major forces in the United States and the world; and

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WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS agrees that while we began in division, we must now move forward with purpose, united tirelessly as one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all, and honor the contribution of all pioneers who help ensure the legacy of these great United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA does hereby recognize the month of February 2019, as "***BLACK HISTORY MONTH***" and urges the citizens of this county to be mindful of the contributions of African Americans, and all of its citizens throughout the year.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED in regular session this 12th day of February, 2019.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Scott Ellis, Clerk of Court

BY: _____
Kristine Isnardi, Chair

(As approved by the Board on _____.)



CELEBRATE



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

by remembering

"The Great Migration"
(Harlem Renaissance Era)



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Join Team Diversity

Brevard County Commission Chambers
February 28th, 11a.m.-1p.m.

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Dance Performances
Educational Displays
Live Music
Food Trucks

