



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.3.

9/17/2019

Subject:

Resolution proclaiming September 13, 2019 as *Commodore John Barry Day*, District 4

Fiscal Impact:

Dept/Office:

District 4

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners approve the resolution proclaiming September 13, 2019 as *Commodore John Barry Day*.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Commodore John Barry Day in Brevard County

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

1 framed resolution for presentation



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September 18, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4 Attn: Patrick Woodard

RE: Item E.3., Resolution Proclaiming September 13, 2019, John Barry Day

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 17, 2019, adopted Resolution No. 19-156, recognizing September 13, 2019, as John Barry Day. 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 United States is a nation of immigrants, and the contribution of immigrants to the defense of the public liberty has been above and beyond what the proportion of immigrants in the general population would indicate; and

WHEREAS, JOHN BARRY, native of the County Wexford, Ireland, volunteered his services and was commissioned a Captain in the continental Navy on October 10, 1775, and soon afterwards in command of the Lexington, gave us one of our first victories at sea with the capture of the Royal Navy Sloop, Edward; and

WHEREAS, CAPTAIN JOHN BARRY was principally responsible for organizing the crossing of the Delaware, which led directly to Washington's great victory at Trenton during Christmas 1776; and

WHEREAS, CAPTAIN JOHN BARRY rejected General Lord Howe's flattering offer to desert Washington and the Patriot cause, stating, "Not the value and command of the whole British fleet can lure me from the cause of my country"; and

WHEREAS, CAPTAIN JOHN BARRY, in command of the frigate Alliance, successfully transported French gold to America to finance the War of Independence, and also won the last sea battle off the coast of Florida on March 10, 1783; and the United States Congress recognized COMMODORE JOHN BARRY as the premier American naval hero of the war; and

WHEREAS, COMMODORE BARRY organized the attendance of members of the Constitution and recommended it to the states for ratification; and

WHEREAS, it was COMMODORE JOHN BARRY who built and commanded the United States Navy and the Squadron, which included his flagship, the USS United States, Old Ironsides, and the USS Constitution; and who is recognized as one of the six foreign-born great leaders of the War of Independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby unanimously proclaim September 13th as

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DAY IN BREVARD COUNTY

in honor of his memory and in recognition of the sentiments of the Navy veterans, Irish Americans, and the patriotic population that our history be properly told.

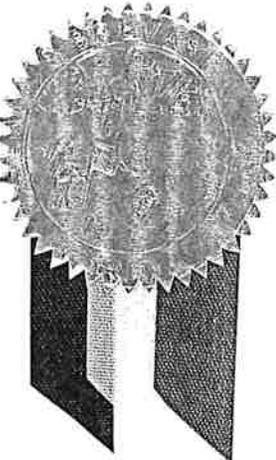
DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 17th day of September 2019.

ATTEST:

Scott Ellis

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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



RESOLUTION

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