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Meeting Date
February 20, 2018



AGENDA	
Section	RESOLUTION
Item No.	I C

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Resolution: Proclaiming March 2018 Irish American Heritage Month
DEPT/OFFICE:	County Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4

Requested Action:
It is requested that the Board approve a Resolution proclaiming March 2018 Irish American Heritage Month.

Summary Explanation & Background:

Patrick Ripton will be there to accept.

POC: Molly Tice 633-2044
Molly.tice@brevardcounty.us

Exhibits Attached:

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes No PR

County Manager	Deputy County Manager	Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager	

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, by 1776 nearly 300,000 natives of Ireland had emigrated to the American colonies and played a crucial role in America's War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, at least eight signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Irish origin; and

WHEREAS, eighteen presidents have proudly proclaimed their Irish American heritage; and

WHEREAS, in 1892 Irish born James Hoban provided the architectural plans for the White House and served as one of the supervising architects for the construction of the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Irish born Commodore John Barry was recognized by the United States Congress in September of 2002 as the "First Flag Officer of the United States Navy"; and

WHEREAS, Captain John Barry fought the last sea battle of the Revolutionary War off the coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, the Sullivan brothers made the ultimate sacrifice for democracy and freedom during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal and later had the Destroyer USS Sullivan commissioned in their memory; and

WHEREAS, the Irish first came to Spanish "La Florida" in the 1500's – first as missionaries and mercenary soldiers and then as planters, traders, businessmen, doctors, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, Irish Americans have provided leadership in the political, business, and religious areas of the nation since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a National, State, and County organization was established to enhance Irish American heritage, and is comprised of over 200 members throughout Florida and this community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and the many valuable contributions of Irish Americans.

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

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

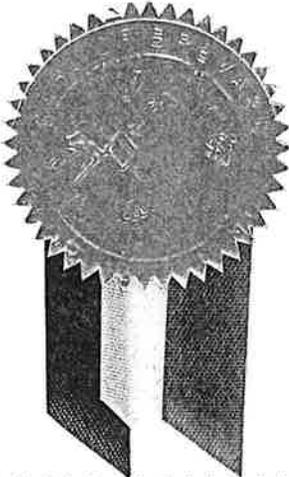
ATTEST:

Scott Ellis

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Rita Pritchett

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





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February 21, 2018

MEMORANDUM

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

RE: Item I.C., Resolution Proclaiming March 2018 as Irish American Heritage Month

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 20, 2018, adopted Resolution No. 18-017, proclaiming March 2018 as Irish American Heritage Month. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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