

RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS  
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AGENDA REPORT  
November 1, 2018

**Resolution re: Puerto Rican Heritage Month, D2**

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**SUBJECT:**

Resolution: Proclaiming the month of November 2018 as Puerto Rican Heritage Month

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

District 2

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of November 2018 as Puerto Rican Heritage Month.

**CLERK TO THE BOARD INSTRUCTIONS:**

Framed

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- **Resolution re: Puerto Rican Heritage Month, D2**

Brevard



County

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

*WHEREAS, Puerto Rico was discovered by Cristobal Colon on November 19, 1493, and was colonized by the Spaniards in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century; and*

*WHEREAS, on March 3, 1917, the Jones Act was signed declaring that all Puerto Ricans are citizens of the United States, and in 1952, commonwealth status was proclaimed and has been upheld since the 1960s; and*

*WHEREAS, Puerto Rico is a self-governing island commonwealth of the United States and shares the rights and duties of U.S. citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, on November 19, 2018, Puerto Rico will celebrate the 525th year anniversary of Cristobal Colon's discovery of the Island of Puerto Rico; and*

*WHEREAS, this year's parade themes will be celebrating Puerto Rican/Hispanic empowerment, honoring our new Brevard County School Superintendent, Mark Mullins, celebration of the Discovery of Florida by Juan Ponce De Leon, Melbourne Beach 1513 "The First Landing" celebrating 22 years of partnerships with the Brevard County School System, celebrating the fourth Annual Roberto Clemente Walker Award and establishing the first annual U.T.B. United Third Bridge, Inc. Puerto Rico Relief Fund Awards; and*

*WHEREAS, on November 2, 2018, United Third Bridge, Inc., will celebrate Florida's 22nd Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade Banquet, Gala and Taino Awards will be held at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Cocoa celebrating the accomplishments of Puerto Ricans Role models, Dignitaries and Community Leaders in honor of our Puerto Rican Heritage; and*

*WHEREAS, United Third Bridge, Inc., Educational and Cultural Theater for the Performing Arts and Science, of Puerto Ricans, Spaniards, Hispanics, Caribbean, Sephardic Jews Film Society founded on April 6, 2013, commenced filming in November 2016, the Docudrama of the Juan Ponce de Leon Discovery of Florida at Melbourne Beach, Florida 1513 "The First Landing"; and*

*WHEREAS, Sunday, November 4, 2018, has been proclaimed Puerto Rican Day and United Third Bridge, Inc. Educational and Cultural Fund will host Florida's 22nd Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as**

**PUERTO RICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 1st day of November 2018.**

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

ATTEST:

  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

## ***Resolution***

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ATTEST:

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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