



Meeting Date

March 21, 2017

AGENDA REPORT

BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Resolution: Gopher Tortoise Day in Brevard County.
DEPT/OFFICE:	County Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board approve a Resolution declaring April 10, 2017 as Gopher Tortoise Day in Brevard County.

Summary Explanation & Background:

Anita Unrath will be there to accept.

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

Exhibits Attached: Resolution (1) Framed

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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March 22, 2017

MEMORANDUM

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

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

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 21, 2017, adopted Resolution No.17-050, declaring April 10, 2017, 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

for: 
Donna Scott
for: 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, State listed as Threatened, and in parts of the U.S., is Federally listed as Threatened; and

WHEREAS, the Gopher Tortoise is considered a Keystone Species; and

WHEREAS, the Gopher Tortoise's burrow protects more than 350 commensal species, some of which are also listed as Threatened; 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 COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby declare April 10, 2017, as

GOPHER TORTOISE DAY IN BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

and urges all citizens to protect this species by learning more about them.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 21st day of March, 2017.

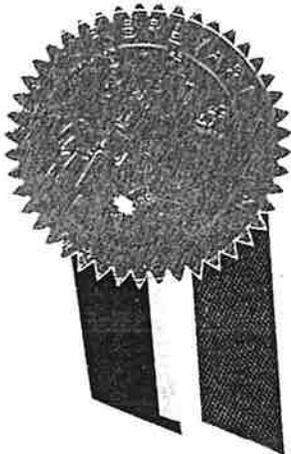
ATTEST:

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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CURT SMITH, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



Resolution

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

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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 protect this species by learning more about them.

Done, Ordered, and Adopted, in regular session, this 21st day of March 2017.