Agenda Report



2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.3.

2/25/2020

Subject:

Resolution in Recognition of Black History Month February 2020 - District 1

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Dept/Office:

District 1

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the resolution to acknowledge, memorialize, and celebrate the month of February 2020 as "Black History Month" in Brevard County.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Black History Month is an annual observance to honor and memorialize the achievements of black Americans in every area of feat and victory throughout history.

Recognition to Americans, such as Harry T. Moore, who was an educator, a pioneer leader of the civil rights movement, and the founder of the first branch of the NAACP in Brevard County, Florida.

This resolution is to affirm this observance in Brevard County.

The County has also created a "Diversity Team" of county department staff members with different ethnic backgrounds who meet on a weekly basis to plan out activities in the workplace throughout the year in effort to sustain the awareness of our diverse community. Activities from honoring Veterans, celebrating Hispanic History Month, to Black History Month throughout February with a presentation on "African Americans and The Vote" happening on March 6, 2020, from 11:00 to 1:00 in the Commission Room.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please provide two 2 framed copies of the resolution.



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February 26, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Rita Pritchett, District 1

Attn: Marcia Newell

RE:

Item E.3., Resolution Recognizing February 2020 as Black History Month in Brevard

County

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 25, 2020, adopted Resolution No. 20-013, recognizing February 2020 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, Deputy Clerk

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2020

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, ethletes, leaders and others diligently using their talents to change how the world views African Americas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners asks the citizens of this County to commit themselves to promote and demonstrate an ideal Brevard County where all men are created equal and justice will always prevail and to the principles of love, wisdom, and compassion toward one another; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that Harry Tyson Moore, of Brevard County, was a civil rights pioneer that succeeded in increasing the registration of black voters markedly higher than any other Southern state and whose beliefs and activism cost the lives of both he and his wife, and whose efforts are memorialized by the Brevard County Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park and also the Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that on March 7, 1965, the Edmund Pettus Bridge became a symbol of the momentous worldwide changes taking place for advancements in Civil Rights as voting rights marchers were violently confronted by law enforcement personnel and the day became widely known as "Bloody Sunday", and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners with Brevard County's Diversity Team whose members are a collaboration from County employees and Community members whom have diverse backgrounds, will celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH, which will focus on "African Americans and The Vote" by honoring those that persevered to ensure that all citizens had the right to vote, happening on March 6, 2020, from 11:00am – 1:00pm, in this Commission Room; 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 under God, 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 2020 as

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

and urges the cilizens 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 25th day of February 2020.

ATTEST:

SCOTT ELLIS CLEDY

BRYAN ANDREW LOBER, CHAIR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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ATTEST:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Scott Ellis, Clerk	BY: Bryan Lober, Chair
	As approved by the Board on

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