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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, AFFIRMING ACCEPTANCE OF FAITHACTION ID CARDS BROWARD COUNTY SERVICES: ACCEPTANCE OF FAITHACTION ID PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida ("Board"), recognizes that currently photographic identification is necessary to access many important services such as banking, health care, and government programs;

WHEREAS, it is often challenging for residents in Broward County ("County"), including, but not limited to, elderly individuals, formerly-incarcerated persons, foster youth, homeless persons, transgendered persons, and persons struggling to overcome the bureaucratic challenges of getting a state-issued identification card, to obtain government-issued identification;

WHEREAS, the FaithAction ID card is an identification card that is accessible to those who cannot acquire a government identification card and serves as a verifiable form of identification that can be used as a tool by law enforcement, health centers, schools, nonprofits, businesses, cultural arts organizations, and other entities to better identify, serve, and protect our community members;

WHEREAS, the FaithAction ID program conforms to strict verification of identity and security standards by requiring card applicants to provide proof of identity, proof of address, and proof of date of birth as required by Section 877.18, Florida Statutes;

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WHEREAS, numerous municipalities throughout the United States, including Aiken, South Carolina; Cincinnati, Ohio; Greensboro, North Carolina; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mercer County, New Jersey; Ames, Iowa; Charlottesville, Virginia; Hood River, Oregon; West Palm Beach, Florida; and Gainesville, Florida, have adopted FaithAction ID cards or other forms of municipal identification cards; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to encourage government agencies, business leadership, civic groups, community institutions, and residents to join in a communitywide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents by accepting or adopting FaithAction ID cards or other forms of municipal identification cards, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- Section 1. The recitals set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are true, accurate, and incorporated by reference herein as though set forth in full hereunder.
- Section 2. The Board finds that the ability to obtain and use a FaithAction ID card will be of assistance to homeless individuals, persons reentering the community after incarceration, and those who do not have a driver license, and is a benefit to the general welfare of the County.
- Section 3. The Board affirms that the County will recognize and accept FaithAction ID cards as appropriate identification to access County services unless another form of identification is required by local, state, or federal law.

1 2 other government agencies, community institutions, and residents to recognize and participate in the FaithAction ID program by recognizing the FaithAction ID card as valid 3 4 5

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identification as part of a communitywide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents.

Section 4.

Section 5. Severability.

If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual,

The Board urges and encourages business leadership, civic groups,

group, entity, property, or circumstance.

13 Section 6. Effective Date. 14 This Resolution is effective upon adoption. ADOPTED this _____, 2021. 15 16 Approved as to form and legal sufficiency: 17 Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney 18 By: /s/ Christina A. Blythe 03/01/2021 Christina A. Blythe (Date) 19 Assistant County Attorney 20 By: /s/ Annika E. Ashton 03/01/2021 21 Annika E. Ashton (Date)

Deputy County Attorney

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