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1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-**2 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY. 3 SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION OF MINORITY-OWNED COUNTY'S **BUSINESS** BUSINESSES IN BROWARD 4 COMMUNITY AND FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE FOR BROWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS; AND 5 PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. 6 7 (Sponsored by Commissioner Barbara Sharief) 8 9 WHEREAS, Broward County is one of the most diverse regions in the country, with a wide variety of minority groups that recognize and value diversity in race, ethnicity, 10 religion, gender identity, and sexual orientation; 11 12 WHEREAS, Broward County has been at the forefront of protecting the rights of 13 minority communities, including by mandating nondiscrimination as a standard 14 contracting term for County contracts and by enforcing equal employment opportunity 15 policies regarding hiring; 16 WHEREAS, Broward County is committed to providing all businesses fair and 17 equal opportunities to compete for County contracts when eligible; 18 WHEREAS, Broward County applauds organizations such as the National LGBT 19 Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Black Women in Construction, and 20 the many other associations similarity focused on providing valuable training, networking,

WHEREAS, the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce is a business voice for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender ("LGBT") community, focused on expanding

and strategic partnerships to support business opportunities for minority-owned

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economic opportunities and promoting advancement for LGBT individuals, and serves as a certifying body for LGBT-owned businesses;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Black Women in Construction is organized to increase the national awareness of Black women in the construction industry, advocate for Black women-owned construction businesses for contract opportunities, and help train the next generation of Black women and minorities in the construction industry;

WHEREAS, Broward County welcomes and encourages all business owners, including minority-owned business owners, to participate in County-sponsored training programs and services offered by the Office of Economic and Small Business Development to ensure such business owners are prepared and knowledgeable on how to do business with Broward County and are aware of current procurement opportunities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

- Section 1. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") reaffirms its support for the full participation of minority-owned businesses in Broward County's business community.
- Section 2. The Board supports fair and equal consideration and competition for all businesses, including minority-owned businesses, for Broward County contracts.
- Section 3. The Board welcomes and encourages all business owners, including minority business owners, to participate in County-sponsored training programs through the Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development to learn about

2 providing programming to ensure minority-owned businesses have access to information 3 that will support their business growth and ability to do business in Broward County. 4 Section 4. Severability. 5 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid 6 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this 7 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be 8 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual, 10 group, entity, property, or circumstance. 11 Section 5. Effective Date. 12 This Resolution is effective upon adoption. 13 14 ADOPTED this , 2021. **PROPOSED** day of 15 16 Approved as to form and legal sufficiency: Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney 17 18 By /s/ Silvia Ibrahim 03/24/2021 Silvia Ibrahim (date) 19 Assistant County Attorney 20 By /s/ René D. Harrod 03/24/2021 21 René D. Harrod (date) 22 Deputy County Attorney 23 SI/il Minority-Owned Businesses 24 03/24/2021 559603 12

County procurement opportunities and procedures. Broward County is committed to