

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY REGARDING THE PRIORITIZATION OF FLORIDIANS FOR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS GIVEN IN FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE ENTITIES DESIGNATED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Mark D. Bogen)

WHEREAS, COVID-19 constitutes a clear and present threat to the lives, health, welfare, and safety of the people of Broward County and the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis declared a Public Health Emergency as a result of COVID-19, and on March 10, 2020, Broward County declared a Local State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, the number of cases of COVID-19 in Broward County remains extremely high, exceeding 1,000 new cases per day for almost every day in the past two (2) weeks;

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2021, the Florida State Surgeon General issued a Public Health Advisory directing that vaccine providers in Florida ensure vaccine recipients are either (1) Florida residents, or (2) an individual present in Florida for the purpose of providing healthcare services involving direct contact with Florida patients;

WHEREAS, the Florida State Surgeon General stated the COVID-19 vaccine “remains scarce within the United States” and availability of the vaccine in the State of Florida is “extremely limited”;

1 WHEREAS, the availability of COVID-19 vaccines within Broward County also
2 remains extremely limited, and it is very difficult for many Broward County residents to
3 obtain an appointment to receive the vaccine; and

4 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds it is appropriate to support
5 limiting administration of the COVID-19 vaccine in Florida to Florida residents and to the
6 above-referenced frontline healthcare workers, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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11 Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) supports the Public
12 Health Advisory issued by the Florida State Surgeon General regarding Prioritization of
13 Floridians for COVID-19 Vaccinations Given in Florida, limiting administration of the
14 COVID-19 vaccine in Florida to residents of the State of Florida and to the above-
15 referenced frontline healthcare workers.

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17 Section 2. The Board directs that, to the full extent permissible under applicable
18 law, consistent with the direction by the Florida State Surgeon General, and where not
19 otherwise inconsistent with the medical opinion of the presiding medical professional,
20 COVID-19 vaccinations administered in Broward County should be administered only to
21 Florida residents or such frontline healthcare workers.

1 Section 3. The County Administrator shall provide a certified copy of this
2 Resolution to the Florida Department of Health, the North Broward Hospital District, and
3 the South Broward Hospital District.

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5 Section 4. Severability.

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

12 Section 5. Effective Date.

13 This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

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15 ADOPTED this day of , 2021.

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18 Approved as to form and legal sufficiency: **PROPOSED**
19 Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

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21 By /s/ René D. Harrod 01/22/2021
22 René D. Harrod (date)
23 Deputy County Attorney