

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO HOLIDAYS; CREATING SECTION 14.197 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ("ADMINISTRATIVE CODE"); PROVIDING FOR OBSERVANCE AND EDUCATION OF JUNETEENTH ("JUNE 19"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Tim Ryan)

WHEREAS, on September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, announcing that, effective January 1, 1863, all persons held as slaves within any state then being in rebellion against the United States shall be "forever free." Over two years later, on June 19, 1865, the Union Army informed enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, of their freedom from slavery and the end of the Civil War;

WHEREAS, June 19, also known as Juneteenth, commemorates this event and celebrates the end of slavery in the United States, and therefore is an opportunity for all Americans to celebrate freedom and equal rights;

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is recognized as a holiday in more than 45 states, including Florida and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") wishes to amend the Broward County Administrative Code to add Juneteenth (June 19) as a day of observance, celebration, and education, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

3 Section 1. Section 14.197 of the Broward County Administrative Code is hereby
4 created to read as follows:

5 [Underlining omitted]

6 **14.197. Juneteenth Celebration Day.**

7 June 19 is designated as Juneteenth Celebration Day, commemorating the end of
8 slavery and a celebration of freedom and equal rights. The County shall take the following
9 steps to commemorate Juneteenth:

10 (a) Support the continued celebration of Juneteenth countywide by means of
11 County-sponsored events to provide an opportunity for Broward County employees and
12 the general public to learn more about the history and experiences related to Juneteenth
13 that have shaped the United States; and

14 (b) Provide special programs and educational information about Juneteenth
15 through Broward County Libraries, Parks, and other Departments, Divisions, and Offices.

16 Section 2. Severability.

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

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underscored type are additions.

