

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
3 COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
4 URGING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY  
5 TO RECOGNIZE THE MUSLIM HOLIDAY OF EID AL-FITR  
6 AS AN OFFICIAL "DAY OFF" FROM SCHOOL; DIRECTING  
7 THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE A COPY OF  
8 THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS DESIGNATED  
9 HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN  
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.

11 (Sponsored by Commissioner Barbara Sharief)

12 WHEREAS, Broward County is rich in diversity, ethnicity, and culture, and our  
13 respect for the broad range of faiths and belief systems practiced by Broward County  
14 residents, including schoolchildren in Broward County, represents one of the strengths of  
15 our community;

16 WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County ("SBBC") has historically  
17 approved school calendars that coordinate "days off" from school—i.e., days when the  
18 schools and administrative offices are closed—to coincide with religious holidays;

19 WHEREAS, the school calendar for SBBC typically includes Good Friday, Yom  
20 Kippur, and Christmas as "days off" from school whenever these religious holidays fall on  
21 instructional days;

22 WHEREAS, the Muslim Federation of South Florida estimates there are more than  
23 75,000 Muslims in Broward County, including more than 25,000 Muslim students;

24 WHEREAS, the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr, which is celebrated at the end of  
Ramadan, a month during which many Muslims fast, begins this year on Thursday, May  
13, 2021; and

1           WHEREAS, prominent members of the Muslim community have requested SBBC  
2 include Thursday, May 13, 2021, as an official “day off” from school, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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7           Section 1.   The Broward County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”)  
8 recognizes the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr as a day on which tens of thousands of  
9 Broward County residents, including tens of thousands of schoolchildren, celebrate the  
10 end of Ramadan, a month during which many Muslims fast.

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12          Section 2.   The Board encourages SBBC to include Eid al-Fitr as an official “day  
13 off” on the school calendar whenever it falls on a day of instruction.

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15          Section 3.   The County Administrator shall provide a certified copy of this  
16 Resolution to SBBC.

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18          Section 4.   Severability.

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

