

ITEM #44

(Exhibit 1 – Proposed Resolution)

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
REGULAR MEETING**

JANUARY 26, 2021

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY TO FURTHER EMPHASIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNE 19 ("JUNETEENTH"); DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS DESIGNATED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Barbara Sharief)

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, June 19 also marks the day that African Americans in the southern states exercised independence from those who benefitted from their labors in the founding of this nation;

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

WHEREAS, the Board values diversity and is united in opposition to racism and hate, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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4 Section 1. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") has
5 designated June 19 as Juneteenth Celebration Day, commemorating the end of slavery
6 and a celebration of freedom and equal rights, and seeks to support the celebration of
7 Juneteenth countywide.

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9 Section 2. The Board encourages The School Board of Broward County,
10 Florida ("SBBC") to increase educational efforts about Juneteenth so that its employees
11 and students may learn more about the history and experiences relating to Juneteenth
12 that have shaped the United States. The County Administrator shall provide a certified
13 copy of this Resolution to SBBC.

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15 Section 3. Severability.

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

