

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION OF MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES IN BROWARD COUNTY'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE FOR BROWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Barbara Sharief)

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, religion, gender identity, and sexual orientation;

WHEREAS, Broward County has been at the forefront of protecting the rights of minority communities, including by mandating nondiscrimination as a standard contracting term for County contracts and by enforcing equal employment opportunity policies regarding hiring;

WHEREAS, Broward County is committed to providing all businesses fair and equal opportunities to compete for County contracts when eligible;

WHEREAS, Broward County applauds organizations such as the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Black Women in Construction, and the many other associations similarity focused on providing valuable training, networking, and strategic partnerships to support business opportunities for minority-owned businesses;

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

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

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

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

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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17 Section 1. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) reaffirms its support for the full participation of minority-owned businesses in Broward
18 County’s business community.

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20 Section 2. The Board supports fair and equal consideration and competition for
21 all businesses, including minority-owned businesses, for Broward County contracts.

22 Section 3. The Board welcomes and encourages all business owners, including
23 minority business owners, to participate in County-sponsored training programs through
24 the Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development to learn about

