

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
REGULAR MEETING**

APRIL 20, 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, AFFIRMING ACCEPTANCE OF FAITHACTION ID CARDS FOR BROWARD COUNTY SERVICES; URGING ACCEPTANCE OF FAITHACTION ID CARDS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida ("Board"), recognizes that currently photographic identification is necessary to access many important services such as banking, health care, and government programs;

WHEREAS, it is often challenging for residents in Broward County ("County"), including, but not limited to, individuals who are older, persons impacted by the justice system, youth in foster care, individuals experiencing homelessness, individuals identifying as transgender, and persons struggling to overcome the bureaucratic challenges of getting a state-issued identification card, to obtain government-issued identification;

WHEREAS, the FaithAction ID card is an identification card that is accessible to those who cannot acquire a government identification card and serves as a verifiable form of identification that can be used as a tool by law enforcement, health centers, schools, nonprofits, businesses, cultural arts organizations, and other entities to better identify, serve, and protect our community members;

WHEREAS, the FaithAction ID program conforms to strict verification of identity and security standards by requiring card applicants to provide proof of identity, proof of address, and proof of date of birth as required by Section 877.18, Florida Statutes;

1 WHEREAS, numerous municipalities throughout the United States, including
2 Aiken, South Carolina; Cincinnati, Ohio; Greensboro, North Carolina; Philadelphia,
3 Pennsylvania; Mercer County, New Jersey; Ames, Iowa; Charlottesville, Virginia; Hood
4 River, Oregon; West Palm Beach, Florida; and Gainesville, Florida, have adopted
5 FaithAction ID cards or other forms of municipal identification cards; and

6 WHEREAS, the Board desires to encourage government agencies, business
7 leadership, civic groups, community institutions, and residents to join in a
8 communitywide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents by accepting or
9 adopting FaithAction ID cards or other forms of municipal identification cards, NOW,
10 THEREFORE,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
13 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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15 Section 1. The recitals set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are true,
16 accurate, and incorporated by reference herein as though set forth in full hereunder.

17 Section 2. The Board finds that the ability to obtain and use a FaithAction ID
18 card will be of assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness, persons reentering
19 the community after incarceration, and those who do not have a driver license, and is a
20 benefit to the general welfare of the County.

21 Section 3. The Board affirms that the County will recognize and accept
22 FaithAction ID cards as appropriate identification to access County services unless
23 another form of identification is required by local, state, or federal law.

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1 Section 4. The Board urges and encourages government agencies, business
2 leadership, civic groups, community institutions, and residents to recognize and
3 participate in the FaithAction ID program by recognizing the FaithAction ID card as valid
4 identification as part of a communitywide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all
5 residents.

6 Section 5. Severability.

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

13 Section 6. Effective Date.

14 This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

15 ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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17 Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

18 By: /s/ Christina A. Blythe 04/19/2021
19 Christina A. Blythe (Date)
Assistant County Attorney

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20 By: /s/ Annika E. Ashton 04/19/2021
21 Annika E. Ashton (Date)
22 Deputy County Attorney

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