



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Andrew J. Meyers

**Department:** County Attorney

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

**MOTION TO ADOPT** Resolution No. 2021-032 Amending the Broward County Administrative Code, the title of which is as follows:

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)

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

A Resolution directing the County Administrator to publish notice of public hearing to consider adoption of the Resolution Amending the Broward County Administrative Code was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") at its meeting of January 12, 2021.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Permits the Board to consider adopting a Resolution amending the Broward County Administrative Code to establish Juneteenth as a day of celebration and education.

#### **Is this Action Goal Related**

No

#### **Previous Action Taken**

#### **Summary Explanation/Background**

June 19, also known as Juneteenth, commemorates the date in 1865 when the Union Army informed enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, of their freedom from slavery and the end of the Civil War. Juneteenth is recognized as a holiday in more than 45 states, and several states and local governments have recognized Juneteenth as a paid day of leave for their employees.

At its meeting on December 8, 2020, the Board discussed honoring the Juneteenth holiday by establishing it as a paid County holiday (with or without deferred implementation), or as a day for County-sponsored events of celebration and education, and approved proceeding to the public

hearing with a proposed amendment to the Broward County Administrative Code to establish Juneteenth as a day of celebration and education. The proposed amendment would, if approved, designate June 19 as Juneteenth Celebration Day to commemorate the end of slavery and celebrate freedom and equal rights. The County would support the celebration by means of County-sponsored events and provide special programs and educational information about Juneteenth through its Libraries, Parks, and other Departments, Divisions, and Offices.

**Source of Additional Information**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

The Resolution has no direct fiscal impact. The fiscal impact of the referenced educational and celebration activities will be determined when a schedule of activities is developed.