



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Barbara Sharief

Department: County Commission

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-037 the title of which is as follows: (Commissioner Sharief)

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.

Why Action is Necessary

Board approval is required for a resolution urging action by another governmental body.

What Action Accomplishes

Adopts a resolution urging The School Board of Broward County further emphasize the significance of Juneteenth as part of its educational mission.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

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. 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.

This Resolution, if adopted, would urge The School Board of Broward County to increase educational efforts about Juneteenth so that its employees and students may learn more about the history and experiences relating to Juneteenth that have shaped the United States.

Source of Additional Information

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

None.

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