

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Citizens Academy, established in 2001, was created to foster open communication between residents and county government and to provide participants with a clear understanding of county operations, services and opportunities for public participation; and

WHEREAS, over the past 25 years the program has engaged as many as 800 residents and has been recognized in multiple local publications for its value to the community; and

WHEREAS, participant evaluations consistently demonstrate increased knowledge of county functions and resources, along with strengthened confidence to communicate effectively and engage in local issues; and

WHEREAS, a significant majority of participants report an intent to apply what they have learned, attend public meetings and take an active role in their community; and

WHEREAS, since 2016 the UF/IFAS Extension Office has partnered with Brevard County to deliver the Citizens Academy, enhancing the program through the integration of research-based education with practical, real-world local government insight; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Citizens Academy contributes to a more informed and engaged community by supporting civic participation, collaborative problem-solving and empowering residents within their local community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA does hereby recognize the Brevard County Citizens Academy as a valuable program and commends its continued role in strengthening informed civic engagement with the community.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 21st day of April, 2026 A.D.

Attest:

Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk

Thad Altman, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County, Florida