**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many Americans of Hispanic descent who have made outstanding economic, educational and cultural contributions to our city, state, and nation; and,

**WHEREAS,** localHispanic Americans continue their strong tradition of service to the community through their work at the U.T.B. United Third Bridge, a civil rights organization founded by Samuel C. Lopez in 1977 that promotes the advancement of minorities in the areas of education, culture and employment; and,

**WHEREAS,** special events are taking place throughout the State of Florida and across the nation in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrating the rich cultural traditions and remarkable impact on American society made by the Hispanic American community; and,

**WHEREAS**, Brevard’s Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, a Hispanic Heritage Month tradition started by Samuel C. Lopez 24 years ago as a “gift” to children of Hispanic descent, has grown into the largest local celebration of Puerto Rican heritage but is postponed this year due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the impacts of COVID-19 on this year’s celebrations hosted by the U.T.B. United Third Bridge and the passing earlier this year of their founder, Samuel C. Lopez, the organization still invites all citizens to learn and celebrate the traditions and ancestry of Hispanic Americans during this month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA** does hereby proclaim the month of September 15 - October 15, 2021, as:

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

and recognizes the outstanding economic, educational, and cultural contributions of Hispanic Americans to Brevard County.

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED**, in regular session, this 12th day of October A.D., 2021.

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RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIRPERSON

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK