

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives were the original inhabitants of the land that now constitutes the United States; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives have traditionally exhibited a respect for the finiteness of natural resources through a reverence for the earth; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives have served with valor in all of America's wars beginning with the Revolutionary War through the conflict in the Persian Gulf; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives have made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives deserve to be recognized for their individual contributions to the United States as local and national leaders, artists, athletes, and scholars; and

WHEREAS, this recognition will encourage self-esteem, pride, and self-awareness in American Indians and Alaska Natives of all ages; and

WHEREAS, November is a time when many Americans commemorate a special time in the history of the United States when American Indians and English settlers celebrated the bounty of their harvest and the promise of new kinships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the *Board of County Commissioners* of Brevard County, Florida, does hereby recognize the month of November 2021 as

National Native American Heritage Month.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021