

PROPOSED

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
3 COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,
4 OPPOSING THE ADDITION OF A CITIZENSHIP QUESTION
5 TO THE NEXT DECENNIAL CENSUS; DIRECTING THE
6 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF
7 THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
8 REPRESENTING BROWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS; AND
9 PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE
10 DATE.

11 WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution requires an
12 enumeration of all residents of the United States every ten (10) years; and

13 WHEREAS, the next decennial census enumeration will occur on April 1, 2020
14 (“2020 Census”); and

15 WHEREAS, data retrieved from the 2020 Census will be used in apportioning state
16 representation in the House of Representatives, drawing legislative districts, and making
17 decisions affecting legislation and the spending of billions of dollars on housing,
18 highways, schools, assistance programs, and other projects and programs vital to the
19 health and welfare of the U.S. population; and

20 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2018, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced
21 that the 2020 Census will include a citizenship question based on a request from the U.S.
22 Department of Justice; and

23 WHEREAS, the inclusion of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census will
24 discourage undocumented immigrants from filling out the 2020 Census, lowering official
25 population counts including for Broward County and the State of Florida; and

26 WHEREAS, for Broward County and the State of Florida, an undercount of the
27 population reflected in the 2020 Census could result in fewer seats in Congress, fewer

1 electoral votes, and a smaller share of the billions of dollars in federal funds allocated
2 annually based in part on census data; and

3 WHEREAS, at least 17 states, seven (7) cities, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors
4 have joined in a lawsuit against the Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of
5 Commerce to remove the new citizenship question from the 2020 Census, NOW,
6 THEREFORE,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
9 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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11 Section 1. The recitals set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are
12 incorporated by reference herein.

13 Section 2. The Board hereby urges the U.S. Department of Commerce to
14 remove the citizenship question from the 2020 Census.

15 Section 3. The Board hereby directs the County Administrator to transmit a copy
16 of this Resolution to all members of Congress representing Broward County residents.

17 Section 4. SEVERABILITY.

18 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any Court to be invalid, the invalid
19 portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the remainder of
20 this Resolution. If any Court determines that this Resolution, or any portion hereof, cannot
21 be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies), property(ies), or
22 circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability hereof to any other
23 individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

