1 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
   COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,
3 NAMING THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
   OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, JUDICIAL COMPLEX
4 NORTH WING LOCATED AT 201 SE 6TH STREET, FORT
   LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301 AS THE "JUDGE THOMAS
5 J. 'TJ' REDDICK, JR. NORTH WING" IN MEMORY OF LATE
   HONORABLE JUDGE THOMAS 'TJ' REDDICK, JR.;
6 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE
   ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO IMPLEMENT SAME; AND
7 PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE
   DATE.
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9 (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Dale V.C. Holness)

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11 WHEREAS, Thomas J. 'TJ' Reddick, Jr. was born on January 4, 1919, in Sarasota,

12 Florida;

13 WHEREAS, TJ Reddick, Jr. honorably served in the United States Military for four

14 years after graduation from Middleton High School in Tampa, Florida;

15 WHEREAS, TJ Reddick, Jr. received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida

16 Agricultural and Mechanical University and his law degree from Howard University;

17 WHEREAS, TJ Reddick, Jr. was admitted to The Florida Bar on August 11, 1951,

18 and went on to become the first African-American attorney to open a law firm in Broward

19 County;

20 WHEREAS, TJ Reddick, Jr. was also the first African-American Assistant Public

21 Defender, Municipal Judge, Court of Record Judge, and the first African-American

22 attorney to serve by assignment on the Fourth District Court of Appeals;

23 WHEREAS, in 1972, TJ Reddick, Jr. became the first African-American Circuit

24 Court Judge in the state of Florida;

1   WHEREAS, TJ Reddick, Jr. was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce,

2   the Elks Lodge, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Mount Hermon AME Church, where

3   he served as trustee;

4   WHEREAS, TJ Reddick, Jr. as a retired Judge, served as a traffic hearing officer

5   and presided over Small Claims Court at the North Regional County Courthouse;

6   WHEREAS, TJ Reddick, Jr. passed away in 1993, leaving three sons Conrad,

7   Cedric, and Thomas, III; and

8   WHEREAS, on November 12, 1982, the TJ Reddick Bar Association was formed

9   to honor and continue TJ Reddick, Jr.'s legacy and to strive for equality in court

10 appointments in civil or criminal cases, appointments to judgeships, and to shed light on

11 lingering issues related to diversity in the legal field, NOW, THEREFORE,

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13 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF**

14 **BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

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16   Section 1.   That the Board of County Commissioners hereby names the

17 Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida, Judicial Complex North

18 Wing, located at 201 SE 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 as the "Judge Thomas

19 J. 'TJ' Reddick, Jr. North Wing" in honor and memory of the late former Circuit Court

20 Judge, prominent attorney, and community advocate Judge Thomas J. 'TJ' Reddick, Jr.

21 for his many years of dedicated service to our community.

22   Section 2.   That the County Administrator is authorized to take all administrative

23 actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

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1   Section 3.   <u>Severability</u>.

2   If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid

3 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this

4 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be

5 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such

6 determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual,

7 group, entity, property, or circumstance.

8   Section 4.   <u>Effective Date</u>.

9   This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

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11   ADOPTED this   day of   , 2019.

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13   Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
     Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

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15   By <u>*/s/ Maya A. Moore*</u>   <u>01/17/19</u>

16   Maya A. Moore   (date)
          Assistant County Attorney

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18   By <u>*/s/ Michael J. Kerr*</u>   <u>01/17/19</u>

          Michael J. Kerr   (date)
19   Deputy County Attorney

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23   MAM/hb
  01/17/19

24   TJ Reddick Reso