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RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

OF RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING BROWARD COUNTY'S PARTNERS IN CULTURAL TOURISM AND SUPPORTING CULTURAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT BROWARD COUNTY: AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Broward County's unique and diverse culture gives it a distinct, authentic identity and provides residents and visitors with rich cultural exposure and interchange; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") recognizes that cultural tourism is an important tool for celebrating, preserving, and promoting our County's unique heritage, stimulates the economy, increases opportunities for artists and creatives, encourages public participation in the arts, and facilitates cultural commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Board invests in the presentation of high quality experiences for residents and visitors to learn from and enjoy, including the Cultural Tourism, Tourist Development Tax Capital Challenge, and Cultural Festival grant programs which have countywide impact and link culture and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the CreativeBROWARD 2020 community cultural plan was approved in 2010 by the Board and includes a Cultural Tourism Component Plan that

recommends greater collaboration among key stakeholder groups having interests served through tourism and culture; and

WHEREAS, Broward County agencies, including the Broward Cultural Division, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau ("GFLCVB"), Broward Municipal Services District, Broward County Libraries, and Broward County Parks, collaborate to advance interrelated tourism, business, and economic development objectives and have recruited additional public and private partners such as the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the City of Fort Lauderdale Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights CRA, the Cultural Heritage Alliance for Tourism, Inc., Sistrunk Artists in Residence, Old Dillard Foundation, and Trail Blazers of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, collaborative efforts in cultural tourism resulted in the creation of Destination Sistrunk, a model cultural tourism program administered by the Cultural Division, and CHAT Broward, a tourism enhancement program administered by the Cultural Heritage Alliance for Tourism, Inc., that will help to enhance the business and tourism capacity of small businesses and attractions in their local communities and prepare these businesses to actively participate in their local tourism ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, collaborative efforts in cultural tourism also support the 2017-2018 GFLCVB Multi-Cultural Sales and Marketing goals and objectives to (1) increase the awareness of Greater Fort Lauderdale as a diverse, inclusive destination for family-oriented activities and business events; (2) develop programs, events, and attractions

that make Greater Fort Lauderdale a "must-visit" destination for the multicultural visitor; and (3) form community and business partnerships to host a Cultural and Heritage Summit in partnership with the Cultural Alliance for Tourism, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, support for the development of cultural tourism throughout Broward County will serve as a model initiative for increasing tourism readiness, tourism inclusion, and engagement for cultural and heritage community assets, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

Section 2. The Board recognizes Broward County's agencies and partners for their collaborative activities, and supports investment in cultural tourism development throughout Broward County.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY.

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

1	Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.
2	This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.
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4	ADOPTED this day of, 2018
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6	Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
7	Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney
8	By /s Annika E. Ashton 12/20/17
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