

Brevard



County

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world, and can result in life-threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups, it is estimated that about one in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1, and up to six percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene onto their children; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and

**WHEREAS** it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public, as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.

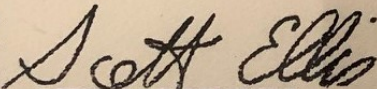
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**, does hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as

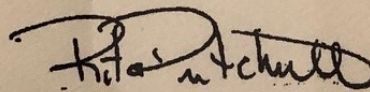
**ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH**

to bring awareness, education and support to those who are affected by Alpha-1 in Brevard County and throughout the world.

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED**, in regular session, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

ATTEST:

  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK



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RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

