

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. **20020507**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Present Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium Volunteer Appreciation Day Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:
COMMISSION DISTRICT #:

9:30 #2

3. MEETING DATE:

05-21-2002

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner Judah
- B. DEPARTMENT County Commission
- C. DIVISION _____
- BY: *Judah*

7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Oth er	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER



LEE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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RESOLUTION

- Whereas: The Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium was born in a suitcase, as a collection of traveling exhibits put together by the Junior League of Fort Myers, who volunteered to teach lessons in nature and science in our local schools, and
- Whereas: In 1970, the CNCP was incorporated and granted 501c(3) status as a non-profit corporation, and
- Whereas: In 1976, volunteers began construction of our natural history museum and soon after an old church building, the Iona House, was relocated to the site, and
- Whereas: In 1984, the Center expanded the museum and parking area, and built maintenance facilities and the Audubon Aviary, which is home to permanently injured hawks, owls, and eagles, and
- Whereas: The Planetarium was built in 1986, and
- Whereas: The Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium's mission is *to develop a greater public awareness of and appreciation for the unique natural systems of Southwest Florida, and to foster a greater understanding of the earth and space sciences, and*
- Whereas: More than 60,000 visitors to the Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium annually have come to understand the nature of Southwest Florida and the importance of preserving and protecting it, and
- Whereas: The Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium was named "Best Nature Center" in the State by the readers of *Florida Monthly* magazine in the year 2000 and again in the year 2001, and
- Whereas: Hundreds of volunteers have given freely of their time to help run the Nature Center as Front Desk Volunteers, Education Docents, Trail Guides, Animal Care Volunteers, Clerical Volunteers, Haunted Walk Ghouls and Gremlins, Garden and Trail Volunteers, Junior Naturalists, and as Members of the Board of Trustees, and
- Whereas: In the past year, those volunteers have worked over 10,000 hours to further the mission of the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby proclaim May 20, 2002 as Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Duly Executed this 21st day of May 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chairman

