



## ***The Board of County Commissioners*** **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Lee County welcomes the defending American League Central Champion Minnesota Twins and their fans back for their 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Training season at the recently renovated CenturyLink Sports Complex and Hammond Stadium; and Lee County welcomes the Boston Red Sox and their fans back to their 28<sup>th</sup> Spring Training season in Lee County, and the ninth at JetBlue Park; and

WHEREAS, Lee County is incredibly proud of the partnership with both teams, and welcomes fans to enjoy our warm tropical destination and help these two teams kick off a new season of hope and expectation of being crowned World Series Champion; and

WHEREAS, The Red Sox and Twins are exemplary community partners, aligning themselves with many local not-for-profits and youth organizations. Examples of this community support include the Red Sox awarding a \$5,000 scholarship to one student at all 13 public high schools. The Twins have hosted over a decade of free youth baseball clinics with its coaches and players that have reached more than 5,000 participants. Since Hurricane Irma hit Southwest Florida in 2017, both teams are actively engaged with local first responders and active/retired military personnel at their ballparks to show appreciation for everything those men and women do in our communities and for our nation; and

WHEREAS, The 2020 Spring Training season will mark the seventh year of competition between the Minnesota Twins and the Boston Red Sox to win the "Chairman's Cup", with the Twins most recently edging out the Red Sox four-games-to-three to capture the 2019 Cup;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby proclaim its full support for both the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins organizations, and we send our most sincere best wishes for success in the upcoming 2020 baseball season.

Duly executed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Brian Hamm". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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