

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LITERACY SERVICES OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

WHEREAS, Literacy Services of Indian River County was founded in 1971 by Marie Banks, Helen Bradkins, Ann Hamner, Nat Jackson, Mary Lane MacMillan, Lolly Morgan, Cathy Moss, and Gertrude Terry to serve local adults seeking English language and literacy skills. The organization is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of service to Indian River County, and their mission is to deliver comprehensive and innovative learning opportunities to local adults seeking English language and literacy skills to achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Literacy Services' vision is that all adults are empowered with the literacy skills they need to thrive in our community. Their core values are empathy, inclusiveness, respect, collaboration and commitment; and

WHEREAS, literacy is seen as a fundamental human right and the foundation for lifelong learning and it is fully essential to social and human development in its ability to transform lives; and

WHEREAS, Literacy Services offers one-to-one tutoring, small group instruction, workplace literacy, conversation clubs and more so that local adults have the opportunity to learn English language skills at their pace to achieve their goals. Hundreds of local adults have been positively impacted by programs offered by Literacy Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that March 7, 2022 be proclaimed Literacy Services' 50th Anniversary Day and call upon the people of Indian River County to observe this day by learning about the importance of adult literacy and how to help empower others with vital English language and literacy skills.

Adopted this 8th day of February, 2022.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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