

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION OF ESTABLISHING JUNE 16th, 2022 AS NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY

Whereas, the third Thursday in June each year marks the annual National Dump the Pump Day which is a day that encourages people to ride public transportation to save money, revitalize communities, protect the environment, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and improve the quality of life for all Americans; and

Whereas, according to the American Public Transportation Association's "Transit Saving Report", a two-person household can save, on average, \$10,000 a year by downsizing to one car. Public transportation provides an affordable, and for many, necessary, alternative to driving; and

Whereas, Public transportation use reduces our nation's dependence on foreign oil by 6 billion gallons of gasoline a year and it also saves 63 million metric tons of carbon emissions annually. Over 45% of Americans have no access to public transportation. On average Senior Resource Association, GoLine Indian River County Transit provides over 1.8 million trips annually; and

Whereas, in 2020 GoLine Indian River County Transit was awarded the Gold Star Safety Award from the Florida Public Transportation Association. Nationally, traveling by public transportation is 10 times safer per mile than traveling by automobile. A person can reduce his or her chance of being in an accident by more than 90% simply by taking public transit as opposed to commuting by car; and

Whereas, Public transportation provides economic opportunities. Every \$1 invested in public transportation generates \$5 in economic returns. 87% of trips on public transit have a direct impact on the local economy. Public transportation's overall effects save the United States 6 billion gallons of gasoline annually. A single commuter switching his or her commute to public transportation can reduce a household's carbon emissions by 10 percent and up to 30 percent if he or she eliminates a second car.

Now, Therefore, be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that we proclaim June 16th, 2022, as NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY and that the Senior Resource Association's GoLine - Indian River Transit System will join with public transportation agencies across the nation and participate in the annual National Dump the Pump Day to encourage transit ridership on June 16th, 2022.

Adopted this 14th day of June, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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