

# *Proclamation*

## **IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

*Whereas*, in March of 1922, a group of local leaders met in the Vero Beach City Council chambers to establish the Chamber of Commerce; and

*Whereas*, from 1922 through 1934, the Chamber supported or took the lead on many projects that still benefit the County today, including the Mosquito Control District, a local chapter of the American Red Cross, the “cross state road” now known as State Road 60, the Silvertown airport that became Vero Beach Regional Airport, and the first hospital in Indian River County; and

*Whereas*, in 1926, the Chamber began promoting tourism by placing advertisements in Miami and Jacksonville newspapers and attending tourism trade shows in Canada; and

*Whereas*, in more recent years, the Chamber led the efforts to retain Piper Aircraft in Vero Beach; recruit the CVS distribution center and its 360 employees; develop a resource guide to assist dislocated agricultural workers transitioning to alternative career choices; establish the Vero Beach/Indian River County Enterprise Zone; and many other critical employment initiatives; and

*Whereas*, in 2008, the Chamber earned the prestigious 4-Star Accreditation from the United States Chamber of Commerce, placing it in the top 4% of all US chambers; and

*Whereas*, the Chamber continues to serve the entire community through its many programs, causes, committees, and volunteers, in addition to its tourism and economic development activities.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, that the Board recognizes May 13, 2022, as Indian River County Chamber of Commerce Day, and congratulates the Chamber on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the beginning of a second century of impactful work in our county.

Adopted this 10th day of May, 2022.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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