

# PROCLAMATION

## HONORING PETER D. O'BRYAN, COMMISSIONER OF DISTRICT FOUR

*WHEREAS, Peter O'Bryan was first elected to the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners by the citizens of Indian River County in 2006, and has served tirelessly with distinction for 16 years (four terms); he worked hard to establish consensus and find common ground and always enjoyed trying to help County residents find solutions to problems facing them; and*

*WHEREAS, Peter's background and knowledge of the natural environment was instrumental in driving policies and projects that helped protect our natural resources, particularly the health of the Indian River Lagoon such as: Osprey Marsh, Osprey Acres, Egret Marsh, septic to sewer projects in Sebastian, West Wabasso, and Roseland, and adoption of a fertilizer ordinance; moreover, he advocated with the State legislature for a moratorium on application of biosolids which were impacting Blue Cypress Lake; and*

*WHEREAS, Peter has effectively served on the Economic Development Council for many years, where he supported responsible incentives and policies such as an improved job grant program and a voter-approved tax abatement program, which led to the recruitment, retention and expansion of numerous new and existing businesses that provide high quality, higher wage jobs for local workers and earned him the Carolyn K. Eggert Award from the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce; and*

*WHEREAS, Peter has enthusiastically participated and chaired on several regional committees, such as: Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments, and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), understanding and embracing the importance of working collaboratively with government leaders of surrounding areas; as Chairman of MPO, he saw development of the first ever Greenways Plan and numerous transportation projects; and*

*WHEREAS, Peter has been a solid advocate for Indian River County's interests in Tallahassee, having served in numerous committee positions with the Florida Association of Counties, earning him the Presidential Advocacy Award for 3 years. His work has helped to preserve local home rule, with one notable example preventing the loss of the County's ability to have common-sense regulations on vacation rentals. His advocacy has resulted in many successes, including securing \$31 million in safety improvements at Brightline railroad crossings to protect residents; and*

*WHEREAS, Peter's decisions and actions were always guided by a deep sense of integrity and passion to do what was in the best interest of the citizens of Indian River County; he has advocated for responsible growth while protecting our quality of life which led policies that were based upon a long-term perspective.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board, in recognition of his numerous contributions and distinguished service to this community, expresses its appreciation to Peter D. O'Bryan, and his fellow Board members wish him the very best in his future endeavors.**

*Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.*

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