

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY, 2022, AS 2-1-1 AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, individuals and families may need help around the clock -- day or night -- in meeting life's basic needs and addressing acute crises, but not know how to get assistance; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 HelpLine is entering its sixth decade of providing quality, caring service to the community, a span of time in which 2-1-1 has responded to over three million requests for help from people of all sectors of society, providing the guidance and support they need; and

WHEREAS, during these difficult times, mental and emotional health, addiction, housing, and food insecurity are the top concerns expressed by callers; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1's specialized programs include Help Me Grow, which works for early identification of children's developmental delays; life-saving "Sunshine" daily telephone reassurance calls to brighten the lives of isolated seniors; and direct support for over-stressed, isolated, and overwhelmed adult caregivers; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1's My Florida Veterans program provides all veterans and their families with comprehensive peer-to-peer support and readjustment services for life outside the military; and

WHEREAS, in just the last three quarters, 2-1-1 has assisted over 74,000 people, including nearly 20,000 struggling with affordable housing and living expenses; 34,000 with mental health and addictions; and close to 3,000 with suicidal thoughts or concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that February, 2022, is designated as 2-1-1 Awareness Month in Indian River County, and that the Board reminds all citizens who are overwhelmed, in crisis, or just in need of a talk, that 2-1-1 is available at any time to provide referrals for mental health counseling, substance abuse, health care, employment, food assistance, day care, support groups, volunteering, free income tax preparation, and so much more.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2022.

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

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