

PROCLAMATION

HONORING WILLARD TAYLOR RAMSEY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES / FIRE RESCUE DIVISION

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Willard Ramsey began his journey as a Firefighter with Indian River County on April 7, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Willard Ramsey advanced through the fire service ranks becoming an EMT, Smoke Diver and Open Water Diver within his first year of service. Within the next five years he became a Driver Engineer and by July 8, 2003, after dedicating himself to the study and practice of Incident Command, he was promoted to Lieutenant in which capacity he has served until his retirement on March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Willard Ramsey's desire to learn is reflected by a file filled with certifications of expertise in Urban Search and Rescue operations such as: Rope Rescue, Structural Collapse, Trench and Excavation, Vehicle and Machinery, as well as Aerial Operations and Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Willard Ramsey's passion for his crews and the citizens of Indian River County can be seen among the multitude of letters from the public, commendations from his supervisors, countless code saves and especially in the positive demeanors and achievements of the many crew members he has mentored throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Willard Ramsey's stellar career with the fire service has been based upon his sincere appreciation for those he has served, inspiring those around him "*to be and to do*" the very best they can for themselves, their crews and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board is grateful to Lieutenant Willard Ramsey for his thirty years of unwavering service, commitment and dedication to his profession, his peers, and the citizens of Indian River County.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2021.

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

Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman