PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE JACKIE ROBINSON TRAINING COMPLEX AS THE OFFICIAL TRAINING FACILITY OF THE USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL TEAMS

WHEREAS, effective January 2, 2019 Major League Baseball assumed operation of the Jackie Robinson Training Complex in Vero Beach; and

WHEREAS, Major League Baseball's mission is to utilize the Jackie Robinson Training Complex to serve as a hub for the growth and development of the games of baseball and softball, and to continue Jackie Robinson's legacy of developing diverse young people both on and off the field ; and

WHEREAS, it was announced on January 23, 2020 that Major League Baseball was to enhance its partnership with USA Softball by becoming the presenting sponsor of the United States Women's National Softball Team's "Stand Beside Her" Tour in preparation for the 2020 Summer Olympics; and

WHEREAS, April 12, 2021 marked the start of the United States Women's National Softball Team's first training camp hosted by the Jackie Robinson Training Complex; and

WHEREAS, an open practice session was held at the Jackie Robinson Training Complex on April 16, 2021 providing the local Indian River County community with the opportunity to experience a US Women's National Softball Team practice in person; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2021 the Women's National Softball Team will represent the United States in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the Board designates the Jackie Robinson Training Complex as *the Official Training Facility of the USA Softball National Teams,* and hereby congratulates Major League Baseball on its efforts and success in Indian River County.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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