A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A REASONABLE NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPROVING AND RECONSTRUCTING 66TH AVENUE, INCLUDING SIDE STREET, INTERSECTION, SIDEWALK AND WATER RETENTION POND IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY OR ITS OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO ACQUIRE THE ATTACHED PROPERTIES BY THE INSTITUTION OF PROCEEDINGS IN EMINENT DOMAIN, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the continued growth in Indian River County has greatly increased the vehicular traffic within the County roadway network; and

WHEREAS the increased traffic has greatly impacted the traffic flow on north/south arterial roadways within the County's roadway network; and

WHEREAS there is a great need to relieve congestion on U.S. Highway 1 and other arterial north/south roadways within the transportation network in Indian River County by widening and reconstructing 66th Avenue; and

WHEREAS the Indian River County Long Range Transportation Plan includes the planned construction of 66th Avenue as a major north/south arterial roadway; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County has considered factors, including, but not limited to, safety, costs, alternate routes and methodologies, long-range planning and environmental matters as applicable to the Parcels and this public project; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, having considered information provided by the County Public Works Director has determined that it is necessary and in the public interest to acquire fee simple title in the real property identified as Parcel 127 (Lipfert and tenant Tongay), Parcel 128 (Williams), Parcel 130 (Sexton), Parcel 132 (Van Antwerp) and Parcel 151 (Barker/Strickland) more particularly described in Composite Exhibit "A" for the improvement and the reconstruction of 66th Avenue, including Side Street, Intersection, Sidewalk and Water Retention Pond Improvements; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida is authorized pursuant to Chapter 127, Florida Statutes, to acquire property by eminent domain for County purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners adopts and ratifies those matters identified and set forth in the foregoing recitals.

SECTION 2. Indian River County finds it necessary and in the public interest to acquire the interest in the real property described in Composite Exhibit "A" as set forth herein, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, for the purpose of improving and reconstructing 66th Avenue, including Side Street, Intersection, Sidewalk and Water Retention Pond Improvements in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the growing population of Indian River County.

SECTION 3. The County Administrator, County Attorney and outside eminent domain counsel are hereby authorized and directed to immediately proceed to take the necessary steps for Indian River County to acquire in its own name, by donation, purchase or eminent domain proceedings, the real property described in Composite Exhibit "A", in the estate or interest as identified therein, and to have prepared in the name of Indian River County, all papers, pleadings, and other instruments required for this purpose, to file a Declaration of Taking upon the filing of any such eminent domain action and to ensure any eminent domain proceedings which may be filed pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapters 73, 74, and 127 are prosecuted through Final Judgment.

SECTION 4. The Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, through the power of eminent domain conferred by Chapters 73, 74 and 127, Florida Statutes and all other statutory or common law granting the County the power to institute and proceed to acquire property utilizing the power of eminent domain, further hereby authorizes and directs the County Attorney for Indian River County, outside eminent domain counsel, and any other County employees or agents to take such further actions as are reasonably required to accomplish the purposes identified herein.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

> Chairman Joseph E. Flescher _____ Vice Chairman Peter D. O'Bryan _____ Commissioner Susan Adams _____ Commissioner Joseph H. Earman _____ Commissioner Laura Moss _____

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

Attest: Jeffrey Smith, Clerk of the Court and Comptroller

By _____ Deputy Clerk

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA By its Board of County Commissioners

By _____ Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman

BCC Approval Date:_____

Approved as to form and legal Sufficiency:

William K. DeBraal Deputy County Attorney

Approved:

Jason E. Brown **County Administrator**