





October 26, 2021

Governor Ron DeSantis State of Florida The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

On behalf of the Treasure Coast, we want to thank you for your continued investment in our region and the state of Florida's most precious natural resources. Recently, you appropriated record funding for wastewater projects that directly benefit the Indian River Lagoon to both Martin and Indian River County. You stated it best during your announcement of these funds that "these projects will protect and restore the lagoon for future generations." It is exciting to see the priorities of the state and local governments align as we work together to ensure the improvement and preservation of one of the most biodiverse bodies of water in the world. With the remaining funds allocated to fund the Wastewater Grant Program, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration to fund each of our respective water quality projects.

We look forward to continuing our strong relationship with the state to complete these vital projects, and together, we ask for your continued support for the Indian River Lagoon and Treasure Coast as we embark upon a new legislative session and budget year. You are always welcome to our communities, and we invite you to see the incredible environmental restoration and infrastructure improvements our collaboration lends to the beautiful and unique Treasure Coast.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman Indian River County Board of County Commissioners

Chris Dzadovsky, Chairman St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners

Stacey Hetherington, Chair Martin County Board of County Commissioners