

# PROCLAMATION

## HONORING KENNETH J. HOLMES

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County celebrates African American Pioneers who, through their service in the business, public, and elected arenas, have paved the way for this and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth J. (“Kenny”) Holmes is an Indian River County native, born on October 24, 1973, and a graduate of Vero Beach High School, where he played basketball, baseball, and football, and was recognized as one of Vero’s finest all-time athletes with the retirement of his football jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenny has always prioritized education, earning a scholarship to the University of Miami, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree and a minor in Sociology while again excelling as a student-athlete, and subsequently attaining a Master of Science in Special Education from New Mexico State University and Business Certification from the Harvard Business School; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenny reached the pinnacle of athletic success as a decorated player in the National Football League over seven seasons, notably being chosen by his peers for the Ed Block Courage Award, honoring those players who exemplify sportsmanship and professionalism while serving as an Ambassador of Courage for victims of abuse, violence and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenny began his work of molding young men by returning to Vero Beach High as a coach and then advancing into the college ranks, most recently at Florida International University; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenny greatly contributes to his community as a Board Member on a plethora of local agencies, including the Gifford Youth Achievement Center, Indian River Charter High School, 3 Keys Foundation, Victory Kids, D-Five Alive, Gifford Historical Museum & Cultural Center, and the Highwaymen Museum.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the pioneer spirit and civic contributions of Kenny Holmes have greatly enriched Indian River County and the Treasure Coast, and that the Board extends its sincere thanks for his outstanding efforts.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022.

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

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