

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18 - 24, 2018, AS THROUGH WITH CHEW WEEK

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida and QuitDoc Foundation are leaders in tobacco prevention and cessation efforts; and,

WHEREAS, using smokeless tobacco can lead to nicotine addiction; and,

WHEREAS, smokeless tobacco products like chew and dip can contain 28 cancer-causing chemicals; and

WHEREAS, smokeless tobacco causes cancer of the mouth, esophagus, and pancreas; and,

WHEREAS, the rate of smokeless tobacco use has not decreased as drastically as cigarette use from 2012 to 2016; and,

WHEREAS, once adolescents start using one tobacco product, they are more likely to experiment with others; and,

WHEREAS, many of the highest smokeless tobacco use rates are in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco Free Florida's *Quit Your Way* tools and services can help a tobacco user successfully quit smokeless tobacco products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the week of February 18 – 24, 2018 be recognized as Through with Chew Week in Indian River County.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 2018.

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