

# Proclamation

## Recognizing Indian River County as a **MOONSHOT COMMUNITY FOR LITERACY**

*Whereas*, children are our most precious resources, and the first years of a child's life, where the most rapid brain development occurs, lay the foundation for all future learning; and

*Whereas*, early literacy is the gateway to all learning; from birth to third grade we learn to read so that we can then, read to learn; and

*Whereas*, literacy is the key to individual success and our community's economic prosperity, with a \$13 to \$1 return on investment; and

*Whereas*, as their child's first and most important teacher, families must have support, knowing that building a reading brain begins at birth; and

*Whereas*, statistics show that children reading on level by the end of third grade have a three in four chance of success; and

*Whereas*, the Campaign for Grade-level Reading has declared our Indian River County Moonshot Community Action Network as a national Pacesetter, honoring us for the community-inspired literacy movement; and

*Whereas*, the Board of County Commission hereby agrees to join the Moonshot Moment Journey "team of teams", working together in 2023 to make Indian River County a leading literacy capital of the nation.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, that Indian River County is recognized as a Moonshot Community for Literacy, taking a stand for our youngest citizens, improving early literacy, and giving every child the opportunity to be a literate, productive, and compassionate citizen who will improve our world.

Adopted this 28th day of March, 2023.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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