PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING MARCH 2, 2017 AS READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

WHEREAS, the citizens of Indian River County stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Indian River County Library System has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, "National Education Association's Read Across America," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's 113th birthday on March 2, 2017, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the Board endorses "National Education Association's Read Across America" and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world, and the Board encourages all citizens to assure every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2017.

Adopted this 21st day of February, 2017.

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