PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, AS INDIAN RIVER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WEEK

WHEREAS, Indian River Habitat for Humanity (Habitat) is celebrating 25 years of serving this community; and

WHEREAS, Habitat is the leader in affordable housing in Indian River County by building strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter; and

WHEREAS, 420 families have been served locally in 25 years through a combination of 340 new homes sold, and 80 renovated homes sold; and

WHEREAS, 250 Neighborhood Revitalization repair projects have been financed in the Gifford and Fellsmere communities; and

WHEREAS, 837 children living in Habitat homes are assured a brighter future with better education and health; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of Habitat's new and renovated homes contributed \$181,113 in real estate taxes in 2015; and

WHEREAS, over 820 additional families have been served overseas, often after natural disasters, such as earthquakes and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the Habitat ReStore, being the 2nd largest in Florida, funds the construction of 1 in 3 of Habitat's new homes, and contributed \$110,397 in Florida sales tax this last year; and

WHEREAS, Habitat mobilized 1,331 volunteers who donated a total of 49,237 hours this last year to support the mission; and

WHEREAS, Habitat celebrates its accomplishments and looks forward to serving 500 more local families in the next 5 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the week of November 13, 2016, be designated as Habitat for Humanity Week in Indian River County, and the Board encourages all citizens to shop, donate, and volunteer with Indian River Habitat for Humanity and the Habitat Restore.

Adopted this 15th day of November, 2016.

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