

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING PATRICIA DRAPER AS THE POET LAUREATE OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Whereas, Patricia Draper who has been writing poetry for many years, and is deeply respected for her leadership in the Porch Poets of The Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation, and,

Whereas, Patricia Draper is recognized throughout Florida and nationally for her many beautiful and heartfelt poems fitting with the character and values of Indian River County including *Cousin Interrupted* and *Nana has Something to Say*; and,

Whereas, Patricia Draper has shared her poems to promote awareness of Indian River County and the appreciation of poetry at neighborly gatherings, special occasions, public workshops, and exhibits; and

Whereas, the Indian River County Poet Laureate is an honorary position and carries with it the esteem and appreciation of the citizens of Indian River County; and,

Whereas, Indian River County may call upon its Poet Laureate to compose poems for County occasions and other government events worthy of commemoration; and,

Whereas, the Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation, a 501C3 organization, recommends the Board of County Commissioners designate Patricia Draper as Indian River County's Poet Laureate.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed By The Board Of County Commissioners, Indian River County, Florida with appreciation and admiration, on this day recognize Patricia Draper as the Poet Laureate of Indian River County, Florida, effective September 1, 2024.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2024.

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

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