

Proclamation

Honoring Colonel Martin James Zickert, USAF, Retired

Whereas, Marty was born in Greenwood, Wisconsin in 1941, where he lived until enlisting in the United States Air Force on January 2, 1962 and served his country for more than 30 years before retiring to Vero Beach in 2001; and

Whereas, Marty was a true leader, patriot, mentor and friend to all who knew him and was the recipient of medals of distinction including the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and five Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Service Medal with three Devices among others; and

Whereas, Marty had a special passion for helping Veterans from all branches of service and was a natural advocate dedicated to making sure young Veterans returning home from deployment would have a proper support system in place; and

Whereas, Marty was a proud leader and President of the Veterans Council of Indian River County which serves over 15,000 veterans of all wars past and present, in addition to being instrumental for local chapters of United Way, Military Officers Association of America, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1038, founding member of Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County, The Victory Center, and also served as the Vero Beach Air Show Blue Angels Liaison which was very special to him; and

Whereas, The Veterans Council of Indian River County in partnership with the Zickert Family have created the Colonel Martin J. Zickert Memorial Fund to benefit direct aid programs for Veterans in Indian River County which will ensure that Marty's legacy lives on; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that after a life well lived, Colonel Martin James Zickert's impact on our community and on the lives of Veterans is remembered with great appreciation and that the Board, on behalf of the County, wishes to express our sincere gratitude, knowing that Marty has left an endearing legacy etched in the hearts of all he encountered.

Adopted this 15th day of August, 2023.

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

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