## PROCLAMATION

## HONORING LIEUTENANT FIRE INSPECTOR PEGGY ANNE PARMENTER UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM INDIAN RIVER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

**Whereas,** on April 12,1991, Peggy Parmenter began her distinguished dedication to the public as one of the first women, along with two others, to be hired as an Indian River County Firefighter/EMT; and,

Whereas, through diligent work and demonstrated ability she advanced through the Fire Service ranks becoming a CPR instructor in 1994; Indian River County's first female Driver/Engineer in 1997; in 2003 she joined Fire Prevention as a Fire Inspector, was quickly promoted to Lieutenant Fire Inspector and a few years later was honored to be nominated for Fire Inspector of the Year; and,

**Whereas,** Peggy Parmenter's service history is filled with all the hallmarks of a strong, determined woman who kept pace with her male counterparts, quickly gaining and maintaining their respect at a time when Fire Service Management, throughout Florida and the Country, had barely begun to realize the need for policy changes to address a diverse workforce, and;

Whereas, after 13 years in the operations field, wherein she received multiple commendations from her supervisors, Peggy Parmenter applied her knowledge of Firefighting to Fire Prevention for the next 17 years with a constant stream of accolades coming from building contractors thanking her for her exceptional assistance, professional cooperation and sincere efforts as well as community groups and organizations for being knowledgeable, informative, thorough, and most especially, humorous in her safety presentations, and;

**Whereas,** after almost 30 years of service, exceptional loyalty, extreme dedication, and a sense of humor that is greatly admired by all, Peggy Parmenter retires on December 18, 2020,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, that the Board is grateful to Peggy Parmenter for being a true example of an employee who served our citizens with integrity, loyalty, commitment, compassion and pride.

**Be it Further Proclaimed** that the Board of County Commissioners and staff extend their sincerest wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

Adopted this 15th Day of December 2020.

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