

Proclamation

HONORING LORI BLOOM ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR WITH 33 YEARS OF SERVICE

Whereas, Lori retires from the County Tax Collector's Office effective July 1, 2022; and

Whereas, Lori began her career of public service with the Broward County Revenue Collector's Office in July of 1989 before joining the Indian River County Tax Collector's Office on January 2, 1997, starting as a Customer Service Representative and finishing as Director of Motor Services/CWL Operations; and

Whereas, Lori's extensive experience and knowledge, accented with integrity, dedication, and a wonderful sense of humor, has earned praise from current and former Tax Collectors and her co-workers; and

Whereas, she has been lauded by Tax Collector Carole Jean Jordan, who stated, "Over 33 years in Motorist Services, Lori went from handwritten work to the most modern software available. When we implemented Driver License Services, Lori jumped in and quickly took the lead on staff training, then carried the same enthusiasm into our Concealed Weapon License program. Lori Bloom was my secret weapon in the Tax Collector's Office, fully capable of calmly and efficiently handling the most enormous motor vehicle problems or any other challenge. Lori is one of the strongest women I know, overcoming a lifetime of tragedies and becoming stronger from them. She leaves us early to experience new adventures, advance her horizons, and hopefully see the world, and we wish that all her wildest dreams are fulfilled"; and

Whereas, Lori has been commended by former Tax Collector Charles W. Sembler, who remarked, "It was a pleasure to work with Lori. She was an outstanding public servant and Ryanwood branch coordinator with a thirst for knowledge regarding the intricacies of Florida law. Her positive attitude, integrity, quick wit, and adaptability were put to good use every day and will be missed at the Tax Collector's Office"; and

Whereas, Lori is held in high esteem by former Assistant Tax Collector Jeff Smith, who stated, "I had the pleasure of working with Lori for over 8 years and I can without a doubt say that it was an experience, albeit a great one! She kept everyone focused and had the right answer to almost any situation dealing with DHSMV. Lori managed the transition to our current office on 82nd Avenue, where she was instrumental in working with the contractor to develop the office layout, making sure everything was as it should be"; and

Whereas, Lori was recognized by former Tax Collector Karl Zimmermann, who affirmed, "Lori Bloom, a dedicated employee and team player with outstanding customer commitment and exceptional knowledge. She assisted me several times with challenges as a client. Job well done, enjoy retirement, you will be missed!"

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the Board applauds Lori's myriad accomplishments, expresses its appreciation for 33 years of dedicated service to Indian River County, and extends heartfelt wishes for future success.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2022.

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

Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman