

PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE SAMARITAN CENTER

FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE HOMELESS FAMILIES OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 1992 Ecumenical church leaders and co-founders, Bernard and Betty Egan, along with a group of individuals gathered together to establish a non-profit long-term transitional living facility for homeless families with dependent children; and

WHEREAS, the Leaders from the Community Church of Vero Beach, Holy Cross Catholic Church, St. Helen Catholic Church, and Temple Beth Shalom collaborated on the strategic planning of the Samaritan Center and the Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc., donated the land for the interfaith community project located at 3650 41st Street, Vero Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Samaritan Center was established 25 years ago and became the lead agency in delivering transitional living services to homeless families in Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, for those 25 years Samaritan Center has been committed to the mission of offering hope and guidance to the homeless families in Indian River County, and preparing them to live independently; and

WHEREAS, the Samaritan Center's signature fundraising event "Soup Bowl" was created 25 years ago through the brainstorming efforts of the Advisory Board Members, held on the first Thursday in November, bringing community awareness to the plight of homeless families; and

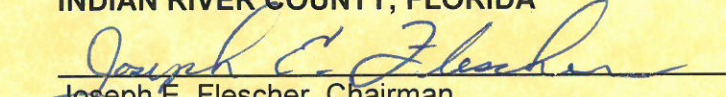
WHEREAS, since opening the doors in 1992, Samaritan Center has served more than 600 families and helped more than 1700 individuals travel the road back from homelessness.

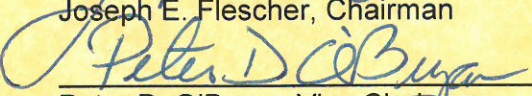
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the Board recognizes the efforts of the Samaritan Center over the past 25 years in assisting the homeless families of Indian River County.

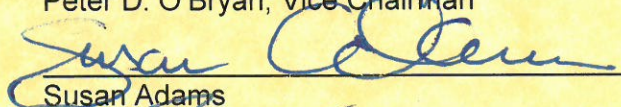
Adopted this 24th day of October, 2017



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