## Proclamation

## HONORING WILLIAM K. DEBRAAL FOR 21 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Whereas,* William K. DeBraal, is retiring from the Indian River County Attorney's Office, effective August 30, 2024; and

*Whereas*, William K. DeBraal started his career with the Indian River County Attorney's Office on July 7, 2003, as Assistant County Attorney. He, worked diligently, and was promoted to Deputy County Attorney then County Attorney, providing exceptional service to the citizens of Indian River County for more than 21 years; and

*Whereas*, Mr. DeBraal's career is defined by his honesty, integrity, mentorship and record of advocacy that will be felt for long after he retires from Indian River County; and

*Whereas,* as County Attorney, Mr. DeBraal worked on high-impact, long-lasting projects which have benefitted the citizens of Indian River County, such as the widening and development of the 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue hurricane evacuation corridor, the overseeing of local legal land development issues including residential subdivisions, work on Spoon Bill Marsh, as well as serving as the Fair Housing Administrator for those in need of assistance and defense from unfair treatment.

*Whereas,* Mr. DeBraal worked diligently on County Commission while going above and beyond in providing customer service and compassion to Citizens in need; and

Whereas, as County Attorney, Mr. DeBraal elevated the organization by building a strong positive workplace culture of comradery and kindness through his leadership and mentorship to the County Attorney office team and interns over the year; and

Whereas, Mr. DeBraal has served, guided and seamlessly led the county through some of its most trying challenges, but has meted and bested those challenges by remaining true to his faith, ethics and inner moral compass; and

**Whereas,** Mr. DeBraal's complete commitment to his duties as County Attorney have brought great credit upon himself and staff and contributed greatly to the continued positive image of Indian River County.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the Board lauds the many contributions William K. DeBraal has made to Indian River County during his lengthy tenure and wishes him the greatest success in all of his future endeavors.

Adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

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