

# PROCLAMATION

## DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12-18, 2018 AS FOSTER CARE WEEK

**WHEREAS**, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

**WHEREAS**, in Indian River County, there are 29 children in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; and

**WHEREAS**, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families, and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be part of it.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA** that February 12-18, 2018 be observed in Indian River County as **Foster Care Week** and urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change a lifetime for children and youth in foster care.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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