

Proclamation

RECONGNIZING MAY 2024 AS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Whereas, Hibiscus Children's Village is celebrating 20 years of providing life-changing services to youth in May; and

Whereas, Hibiscus Children's Village provides safe haven to 90 abused, abandoned and/or neglected youth annually in a group home environment; and

Whereas, Hibiscus Children's Village helps prepare teens for successful adulthood through the Career Pathways to Independence Program featuring graphic design, culinary instruction and an academic achievement center; and

Whereas, May is Mental Health Awareness Month, 50% of lifetime mental health problems start in children before the age of 14, and 1 in 6 children have a diagnosable mental health disorder equivalent to 5 in every U.S. classroom; and

Whereas, Hibiscus Children's Center provides Mental Health Services to over 550 children and families annually in the Hibiscus Village, Shelter, and in the community; and

Whereas, Hibiscus Mental Health Services focus on helping children overcome trauma and move forward in life and Hibiscus Therapists are trauma-trained, master's level clinicians with a wide range of experience and expertise in child and family therapy; and

Whereas, Hibiscus Children's Center provides specialized sexual abuse treatment services to victims and their non-offending caregivers. Hibiscus is the only Department of Health sanctioned Sexual Abuse Treatment Program on the Treasure Coast.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the County recognizes the 20TH anniversary of Hibiscus Children's Village and their significant accomplishments and impact on the children and residents of Indian River County.

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2024.

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

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