

# *Proclamation*

## **RECOGNIZING JULY, 2022, AS PARKS & RECREATION MONTH AND JULY 15th AS PARKS & RECREATION PROFESSIONALS' DAY**

*Whereas*, in 1985, the U.S House of Representatives designated July as Parks and Recreation Month, and this year we celebrate its 37th anniversary in the state of Florida and nationwide; and

*Whereas*, County Parks and Conservation Areas are aesthetically pleasing, preserve the ecological beauty of our community, improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve air quality, and provide open green spaces for people and valuable habitat for wildlife; and

*Whereas*, Indian River County is fortunate to have many beautiful parks, playgrounds, ball fields, golf courses, swimming facilities, nature trails, beaches, fairgrounds, campgrounds, intergenerational recreational facilities, a shooting range, and open spaces, making our community a more attractive and desirable place to live, work and play, and contributing to our economic vitality by enhancing property values and attracting visitors and recreational events; and

*Whereas*, the Board of County Commissioners values the essential services that parks and recreation professionals and volunteers perform in delivering the vital recreational activities that build a healthy, active community, aid in the prevention of chronic disease, and improve the mental and emotional health of all our citizens.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, that the Board recognizes July as Parks and Recreation Month and July 15th as Parks and Recreation Professionals Day, and encourages all citizens to participate in the diverse activities offered in Indian River County and to reflect on the exponential value our parks and recreation professionals bring to this community.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2022.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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