

# PROCLAMATION

## DESIGNATING FEBRUARY, 2020, AS “2-1-1 AWARENESS MONTH”

**WHEREAS**, individuals and families frequently need help in meeting life’s basic needs or addressing acute crises, but may not know where to turn for assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember, easy-to-use number recognized as the key hub in linking individuals and families with the guidance and support they need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, 2-1-1 HelpLine received over 3,800 requests for help last year via telephone, text messaging, and online chat; and

**WHEREAS**, 2-1-1’s specialized advocacy and support programs include the “Help Me Grow” initiative, which seeks to catch children’s developmental delays early, and 2-1-1’s life-saving “Sunshine” daily phone calls that positively impact the lives of housebound and isolated seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, 2-1-1’s newest program, “My Florida Veterans,” offers peer-to-peer and readjustment support for both veterans and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, 2-1-1 HelpLine is a “kind voice on the other end of the line,” a team of highly-trained professionals providing free and confidential crisis interventions, assessments, and community service referrals...they are “hope when you need it most!”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA** that February, 2020, is designated as 2-1-1 Awareness Month in Indian River County, and that the Board urges all citizens to remember the only telephone number they need to find help with mental health counseling, substance abuse, healthcare, employment, food assistance, childcare, support groups, volunteering, free income tax help, and much more.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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