



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department
Ocean Rescue

Date: September 3, 2024

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Thru: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator
Beth Powell, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director

From: Johnathan Billings, Supervisor Beach Operations

Subject: Agreement for Drown Zero stations between Indian River County and The Rotary Club of Vero Beach Sunrise Foundation, Inc.

BACKGROUND:

Drown Zero is a community sponsored program with the mission to prevent drownings through education, awareness, and rescue equipment implementation on beaches and waterways. Each station has an orange life-saving ring installed to provide assistance to distressed swimmers in the event the beach or waterway is unguarded, or the lifeguard is off duty.

Sunrise Rotary Club has adopted this initiative and is requesting permission from Indian River County to place Drown Zero stations throughout the County to help promote beach safety and prevent drownings. This system is currently in place in other counties along the Florida coast and has saved countless lives.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

Sunrise Rotary Club will place stations with a ring buoy along with signage on our beaches and waterways for patrons to use, where lifeguards are not stationed and/or not on duty.

FUNDING:

Sunrise Rotary Club will install and maintain the stations. No funding is required from the County for the Drown Zero project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Agreement with The Rotary Club of Vero Beach Sunrise Foundation, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement after review and approval by the County Attorney for legal sufficiency.

ATTACHMENTS:

Agreement for Drown Zero stations between Indian River County and The Rotary Club of Vero Beach Sunrise Foundation, Inc.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2024