

PROCLAMATION

HONORING CLERK JEFFREY R. SMITH ON HIS RETIREMENT AS THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

Whereas, Clerk Jeffrey R. Smith will retire as the Indian River County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller on June 30, 2023; and

Whereas, Jeff graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in Finance in 1978 and earned his CPA license in 1984. Prior to starting his governmental career, he worked for a large CPA firm in Vero Beach and later started his own firm, Jeffrey R. Smith & Associates, PA in 1988; and

Whereas, Jeff began his governmental career on October 6, 1992 with the Indian River County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office as an Accountant and then Assistant Finance Director through November 27, 1998. He then began working for the Board of County Commissioners as the Assistant Director of Utilities from November 30, 1998 through February 1, 2001. Later, he worked for the Tax Collector as the Assistant Tax Collector from February 2, 2001 through February 5, 2009. He returned home to the Clerk's Office on February 6, 2009 as its Chief Deputy and has remained since; and

Whereas, in June of 2012, Jeff won an election unopposed to become Clerk of Court and Comptroller. On July 3, 2012, Jeff was sworn in as Clerk and was subsequently reelected unopposed for two additional terms; and

Whereas, Jeff has been an impactful member in our community for his entire career, serving many organizations including The United Way of Indian River County, the Salvation Army, Indian River Foundation for the Elderly, Exchange Club of Indian River, Hundred Club of Indian River County, and many others throughout the years; and

Whereas, Jeff has made countless contributions to Clerk's Offices throughout the state, serving on various committees within the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers and serving as the Chair of the Florida Clerk of Court Operations Corporation Executive Committee. He has also taught multiple sessions of the New Clerk Academy and mentored class members, always making himself available whenever any Clerk needed him; and

Whereas, Jeff has been an impactful member of the financial community for his entire career including being President of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, a 2,700-member organization of government finance professionals and elected officials from around the state. In addition, Jeff is a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada; and

Whereas, Jeffrey R. Smith has been an amazing leader to his employees, caring for each and every one of them. He will be missed greatly by his staff.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Board Of County Commissioners Of Indian River County, Florida, that the Board commends Clerk Jeffrey R. Smith for his wonderful career, incredible dedication to his employees, and to the work that he has accomplished for the residents of Indian River County, and the Board extends its heartfelt wishes for success in his future and a long and very happy retirement!

Adopted this 20th day of June, 2023.

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

Joseph H. Earman, Chairman