

PROCLAMATION

For The Source

WHEREAS, *The Source* is a 5,000 sq. ft. outreach facility open seven days a week, addressing the complex needs of the poor and homeless in Indian River County; and,

WHEREAS, their purpose is to offer life-changing possibilities to residents in crisis; offering emergency hunger relief, clothing, counseling, support groups, hygiene items, showers, mail and telephone services, benefit referrals, cold weather refuge, and much more; and,

WHEREAS, they are families struggling to pay bills, single parents living paycheck to paycheck, or individuals who have lost their homes, hope, and their peace of mind; and,

WHEREAS, *The Source* helps provide critical care for physical, spiritual, civic, and social needs; and,

WHEREAS, *The Source* believes that food is a tool to strengthen bodies physically and spiritually, empower minds, and build communities. To that end, *The Source* feeds hundreds of poverty stricken residents free of charge every day, three meals a day through their *Dining with Dignity* program; and,

WHEREAS, the *Dining with Dignity* food kitchen at *The Source* provides professional training to homeless students, in preparation for them acquiring food-related employment within the community; including employment preparing and serving food from their new Dignity Food Truck, which has brought expanded awareness to the organization, and has enabled the culinary students to take a step closer to transitioning into a paid food service/restaurant position; and,

WHEREAS, the programs of *The Source* helps people to transform their lives when they have the right tools of training, support, love and respect. Ultimately, these tools provide the solutions for the homeless to transition into long term sustainability in the community while offering them a glimpse of hope and comfort, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the Board recognizes November 15-22, 2020, National Homeless Awareness Week, on behalf of *The Source* and the positive and untiring work they are doing in our Indian River County communities.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2020.

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

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