

# PROCLAMATION

## DESIGNATING APRIL 15, 2019 AS JACKIE ROBINSON DAY

**WHEREAS**, April 15, 2019 will mark the 72nd anniversary of Jackie Robinson making his Major League debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers as he broke the color barrier in 1947 to become the first African-American to play Major League Baseball; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackie Robinson spent nine Spring Trainings (1948-56) at Dodgertown, Vero Beach and the Dodgers advanced to the World Series five times in those years; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1948 Dodgertown became the first and only integrated Spring Training site in the South; and

**WHEREAS**, Major and Minor League Baseball celebrates Jackie Robinson Day nationally each April 15<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Pat O'Conner, Minor League Baseball President & CEO, said "Minor League Baseball is proud to be part of this annual celebration in Vero Beach as we play a game at Historic Dodgertown to honor him."; and

**WHEREAS**, the fifth annual Jackie Robinson Celebration game will take place on Monday, April 15, 2019, in Holman Stadium when the St Lucie Mets host the Dunedin Blue Jays to benefit a worthy cause, the United Way of Indian River County; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of this Minor League Baseball game is kept low so that it can be a true community-wide celebration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA** that the Board designates April 15, 2019, as ***Jackie Robinson Day***, and hereby congratulates Major League Baseball on its work and success in Indian River County over the past 71 years.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2019.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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