

Proclamation

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 23-30, 2022 AS NATIONAL BEACH SAFETY WEEK

Whereas, the beautiful coastal and inland beaches of Indian River County represent a world-renowned recreational resource; and

Whereas, residents and visitors alike are drawn to these beaches by the millions each year for water and beach activities; and

Whereas, the aquatic environment has dangers, particularly rip currents, that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards; and

Whereas, for reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with the aquatic environment are appropriate at the commencement of the busy summer beach season; and

Whereas, residents and visitors alike must remember to: Learn to swim, never swim alone, swim near a lifeguard, learn rip-current safety, never drink alcohol before swimming, life jackets save lives, observe signs & flags, use sunscreen and drink water, respect the power of the surf; and

Whereas, our local Ocean Rescue Lifeguards and all swim instructors throughout the County area are applauded for their hard work, dedication, and courage in performance of their efforts and roles to enhance and promote safe enjoyment of our local beaches and ocean waters.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the week of May 23-30, 2022 be designated as National Beach Safety Week, and urge all residents using our beaches to enjoy themselves at the beach this year while taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their children.

Adopted this 17th day of May, 2022.

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