

Proclamation

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 20, 2025, AS INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Whereas, September 20, 2025, the third Saturday of September, is a day recognized around the world for inspiring and encouraging the act of removing debris from the environment in coastal areas to create trash-free seas; and

Whereas, the global movement of coastal cleanups on this day has led to the removal of over 380 million pounds of trash from critical waterways and coastal areas worldwide; and

Whereas, Indian River County is made up of 22.4 miles of coastline bordering not only the Atlantic Ocean but is inclusive of one inlet and an estuary of national significance, the Indian River Lagoon; and

Whereas, in 2024, approximately 1,100 community members of Indian River County engaged in the act of service by volunteering on International Coastal Cleanup Day, removing 2,653 pounds or 36,811 pieces of debris from beaches and the Indian River Lagoon, enhancing and helping to restore these critical coastal habitats that provide economically and environmentally important functions; and

Whereas, we join Coastal Connections and the 25 additional Park Champions made up of local charities, service groups, and businesses who make the largest coastal cleanup in Indian River County possible and successful each year; and

Whereas, all community members are encouraged to participate in a cleanup on this day to keep waterways and recreational areas of Indian River County clean of debris.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that September 20, 2025, be recognized as International Coastal Cleanup Day in Indian River County.

Adopted this 9th day of September 2025.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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