

# PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 22-28, 2019, AS

# TOBACCO FREE FLORIDA WEEK

**WHEREAS**, the federal government declared youth e-cigarette use, or vaping, a nationwide epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, youth vaping has increased dramatically across the country and in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, one in four Florida high school students reported current electronic vaping – a 58 percent increase compared to 2017, and 19.1 percent of Indian River County youth ages 11-17 currently use e-cigarettes, which is higher than the state rate of 15.7 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, e-cigarettes are unsafe for kids, teens, and young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain development, and e-cigarettes can contain other harmful substances besides nicotine; and

**WHEREAS**, the focus of Tobacco Free Florida Week 2019 is to get accurate information about youth and e-cigarette use into the hands of our citizens, which is an important step to reversing this alarming trend in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County is committed to the goals and objectives of Tobacco Free Florida Week through a variety of public health activities and programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA** that April 22-28, 2019, be recognized as Tobacco Free Florida Week in Indian River County.

Adopted this 16th day of April, 2019.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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