

# Proclamation

## RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF FLORIDA

*Whereas*, Children's Home Society of Florida opened its doors on November 17, 1902, to provide a safe home and loving care to the growing population of abandoned and homeless children, thus solving an intense societal challenge; and

*Whereas*, Children's Home Society of Florida has grown from a team of two caring for 24 children to a team of more than 1,000 empowering more than 50,000 children and family members to cross bridges to success every year, with more than 80,000 served last year alone; and

*Whereas*, Children's Home Society of Florida has been the leader in enacting change for children, from driving policy establishing child labor laws and compulsory education laws to fiercely advocating for children's rights in foster care and developing innovative solutions that turn odds into opportunities for children and their parents; and

*Whereas*, Children's Home Society of Florida led the movement to bring the innovative Community Partnership Schools™ model to Dodgertown Elementary School, creating opportunities for students to receive greater access to healthcare, counseling, nutrition, enrichment, and more; and

*Whereas*, Children's Home Society of Florida provides safety and opportunity to hundreds of local children involved in the foster care system annually, bringing families back together through safe reunification and creating forever families through adoption, with an impact felt throughout Indian River County and all of Florida.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, that the Board hereby recognizes Children's Home Society of Florida for their significant accomplishments and urges all citizens to recognize the good work being done by Children's Home Society of Florida to help create a world where all children may realize their full potential.

Adopted this 7th day of March, 2023.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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