

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JULY, 2019, AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Month was established in 1985 and celebrates its 34th year state and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, passive and active recreation in Indian River County significantly enhances the quality of life for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, active recreation builds teamwork, self-esteem, comradery, life-skills, and contributes to a healthy mind, body, and spirit; and

WHEREAS, passive recreation nourishes a love of the outdoors, provides an appreciation of the natural environment, and contributes to a healthy community and economy; and

WHEREAS, county parks and conservation areas preserve the ecological beauty of our community, improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve air quality, are aesthetically pleasing, and provide open green space for people, and valuable habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County is fortunate to have many beautiful parks, playgrounds, ball fields, golf courses, swimming facilities, nature trails, beaches, and open spaces which make our community a more attractive and desirable place to live, work, and play; as well as contributing to our ongoing economic vitality through increased property values, increased tourism, attraction of visitors, and recreational events; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County Recreation Department provides a variety of recreation programs including water safety, swimming lessons, baseball, softball, football, cheerleading, summer camps, and special events; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation agencies, as a whole, touch the lives of individuals, families, groups, and the community, creating a positive impact through connecting people, protecting the environment, reducing crime, and providing healthy recreational activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board designates July as **PARKS and RECREATION MONTH**, and encourages all citizens to celebrate by participating in the diverse activities offered through the many facilities and places provided to the residents and visitors by way of the Indian River County Recreation Department, Indian River County Shooting Range, Sandridge Golf Course, Gifford Aquatic Center, North County Aquatic Center and any of the Indian River County Parks and Conservation Areas open to the public.

Adopted this the 2nd day of July, 2019

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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