

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING APRIL 15, 2017 AS JACKIE ROBINSON DAY

WHEREAS, April 15, 2017 will mark the 70th anniversary of Jackie Robinson making his Major League debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers as he broke the color barrier in 1947 to become the first African-American to play Major League Baseball; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson spent nine Spring Trainings (1948-56) at Dodgertown, Vero Beach and the Dodgers advanced to the World Series five times in those years; and

WHEREAS, In 1948 Dodgertown became the first and only integrated Spring Training site in the South; and

WHEREAS, Major and Minor League Baseball celebrates Jackie Robinson Day nationally each April 15th; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pat O'Conner, Minor League Baseball President & CEO, said "Minor League Baseball is proud to be part of this annual celebration in Vero Beach as we play a game at Historic Dodgertown to honor him."; and

WHEREAS, the fourth annual Jackie Robinson Celebration game will take place on Saturday, April 15, 2017, in Holman Stadium when the St Lucie Mets host the Florida Fire Frogs to benefit a worthy cause, the United Way of Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this Minor League Baseball game is kept low so that it can be a true community-wide celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the Board designates April 15, 2017, as ***Jackie Robinson Day***, and hereby congratulates Major League Baseball on its work and success in Indian River County over the past 69 years.

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2017.

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