

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2016, AS NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Children's Home Society of Florida has upheld our legacy of transforming the lives of children and families; and

WHEREAS, on any given day approximately 375 youths are homeless on the Treasure Coast. The National Runaway Switchboard reported more than 268 crisis runaway calls from two Treasure Coast area codes (772, 863) during 2015; and

WHEREAS, Children's Home Society of Florida, Treasure Coast Division, works diligently with The National Runaway Switchboard and The Family and Youth Services Bureau to educate and prevent youth in crisis from running away and subsequently living on the streets; and

WHEREAS, Children's Home Society of Florida provides support services to youth in crisis that aim to move youth into stable living situations; and

WHEREAS, Children's Home Society of Florida, along with its community partners, embraces opportunities that can potentially change the way society cares for children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the month of November 2016, be designated as

NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH


in Indian River County. In honor of this event, we encourage community agencies, religious organizations, businesses, and others to recognize and observe the month of November, 2016 as **National Runaway Prevention Month**. As a community we need to focus our attention on those children who experience crisis and turn to the streets for support.


Adopted this 8th day of November, 2016

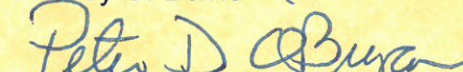
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