

# Proclamation

## DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 16, 2023, AS INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

*Whereas*, September 16, 2023, the third Saturday of September, is a day recognized around the world for inspiring and encouraging the act of removing debris from the environment in coastal areas to create trash-free seas; and

*Whereas*, the global movement of coastal cleanups on this day has led to the removal of over 350 million pounds of trash from critical waterways and coastal areas worldwide; and

*Whereas*, Indian River County, Florida is made up of 22.4 miles of coastline bordering not only the Atlantic Ocean but is inclusive of one ocean inlet and an estuary of national significance, the Indian River Lagoon; and

*Whereas*, in 2022, approximately 800 community members of Indian River County engaged in the act of service by volunteering on International Coastal Cleanup Day, removing 2,305 pounds of debris from beaches and the Indian River Lagoon, enhancing and helping to restore these critical coastal habitats that provide economically and environmentally important functions; and

*Whereas*, we join Coastal Connections and the 24 additional Park Champions made up of local charities, service groups, and businesses who make the largest coastal cleanup in Indian River County possible and successful each year; and

*Whereas*, all residents are encouraged to participate in a cleanup on this day to keep waterways and recreational areas of Indian River County clean of debris.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, that September 16, 2023, be designated as **INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY** and that citizens of the county are urged to join in this day by cleaning up debris to protect the coastal habitats that ultimately protect and provide for our community.

Adopted this 12th day of September, 2023.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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