

PROCLAMATION

HONORING JONNIE MAE PERRY

WHEREAS, Indian River County celebrates African American Pioneers who paved the way for this generation and many to come through their service to the community in the business, public, and elected arenas; and

WHEREAS, Jonnie Mae Perry has served as a pillar to the community throughout her distinguished 39-year professional career, including time as a public servant with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, Jonnie Mae Perry has set an impeccable example for higher education as a graduate of Vero Beach High School and Morris Brown College, and as Executive Vice President of the American Association of University Women of Vero Beach; and

WHEREAS, Jonnie Mae Perry has worked tirelessly to forward public education in Indian River County as a volunteer with Vero Beach Elementary's "Winners Walk Tall" program, as a Gifford Middle School community partner, as a School Advisory Committee member for Vero Beach High School, and as a Board member and Director of Outreach and Development for the Gifford Youth Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Jonnie Mae Perry has sought to preserve the history of the Gifford community as head of the Gifford High School Legacy room, as an Advisory Board member of the Indian River Historical Society, as a member of the Gifford Progressive Civic League, and as Executive Director of the Gifford Community Cultural and Resource Center, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization providing mentoring, leadership, and cultural programs for under-served youth; and

WHEREAS, Jonnie Mae Perry has served the greater community as a lifetime member of the NAACP of Indian River County, as a co-facilitator for the Coalition for Racial Justice committee at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach, as a Board member of the Indian River Community Services Alliance, and as a volunteer with the Indian River County Habitat for Humanity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Proclamation recognizes the pioneer spirit and civic contributions made to the Treasure Coast by Jonnie Mae Perry.

Adopted this 12th day of February, 2019.

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

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