

# *Proclamation*

## **WORLD PREMATURETY DAY NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

*Whereas*, families face serious health risks and March of Dimes fights for their health by supporting research, leading programs and providing education and advocacy; and

*Whereas*, March of Dimes has developed a collaborative model to study and prevent preterm birth through groundbreaking research at five Prematurity Research Centers; and

*Whereas*, March of Dimes is committed to mobilizing the nation by amplifying the voices of pregnant people and families; and

*Whereas*, 123 babies are born preterm each year in Indian River County, representing 10.3% of all births in the county; and

*Whereas*, March of Dimes looks forward to partnering with Indian River County in response to the continued maternal and infant health crisis of prematurity; and

*Whereas*, the month of November is recognized as Prematurity Awareness Month and November 17 is recognized as World Prematurity Day to raise awareness.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, that the Board recognizes November 17, 2023 as World Prematurity Day.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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