

PROCLAMATION

Honoring John William King Upon the Occasion of His Retirement from Indian River County Department of Emergency Services

WHEREAS, John William King, a lifelong resident of Indian River County, began his distinguished career in the fire service as a local volunteer firefighter and upon being hired by Fire Rescue in 1976 embarked upon a 42- year career dedicated to the citizens of his hometown; and

WHEREAS, with diligence and honor, over the next 4 decades he worked his way through the ranks: Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant, Training Officer, Deputy Director of Emergency Services, County Fire Chief, and finally, from 2001 until today, the dual leadership role as Director of Emergency Services and the Chief of Fire Rescue; and,

WHEREAS, John William King was a principal author of the consolidation of the Fire Division and Emergency Medical Services Division into a county wide Fire Rescue Department wherein as Department Director he performed highly responsible administrative and management work in directing, coordinating, planning, and organizing a total Emergency Services program including Fire Suppression and Prevention, Emergency Medical Services, Radiological Preparedness, Emergency Management, 911 Coordinator and Animal Control, on a countywide basis; and,

WHEREAS, after almost half a century of service, exceptional loyalty, extreme dedication, and ever the gentleman, Chief King will be retiring on April 30, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board gives thanks to Chief King for his unwavering service, commitment and dedication to the people of our community and for choosing to spend a lifetime contributing to the history of our County while leaving behind examples of integrity, determination, commitment, brotherhood and pride.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners and staff extend their sincerest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.



Adopted this 17th Day of April 2018.

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

Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman