

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING OUR FATHER'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN
FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen was founded in April, 1988, by J. Ralph Lundy, to feed the hungry and provide services at The AME Mount Zion Church in Gifford, and;

WHEREAS, the Mission of Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen is to openly display the basic Christian principles by feeding the hungry and providing clothing and comfort to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen served 29,185 meals in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen delivers 60 meals, 6 days per week, to the homebound elderly of Gifford; and

WHEREAS, through a partnership with Treasure Coast Community Health, Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen provides much needed dental care to Gifford residents in exchange for 50 hours of service to the community. This program has been in operation since 2013 and has helped 158 persons with dental care, including dentures; and

WHEREAS, Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen has no paid employees; all staff and members of the Board of Directors, are volunteers. Currently, over 45 individuals donate their time and effort to provide this much needed community service in the Gifford area;

WHEREAS, Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen offers fellowship, a safe place for children during summer vacation and a place to celebrate with holiday events for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board recognizes the 30 years of service provided by Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen.

Adopted this 10th day of April, 2018.

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

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