

PROCLAMATION

HONORING BROTHER JIMMY MACKEY

WHEREAS, Indian River County celebrates African American Pioneers who, through their service in the business, public, and elected arenas, have paved the way for this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Brother Jimmy Mackey was born in The Bahamas on July 5, 1918, arrived in Indian River County in 1944, married Trovata, and was blessed with six children, six grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy was a lifelong contributor to the citrus industry in Indian River County, personally coordinating and providing transportation for local workers who depended upon his efforts to make a living for their families; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy continued his tireless efforts beyond the citrus season, driving busloads of workers to Virginia to assist with apple harvesting in the summer and fall months; and

WHEREAS, on such a trip in 1965, Jimmy visited St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Mount Airy, North Carolina, and returned with the idea of starting a local Choir's Union; and

WHEREAS, with the help of Sister Eunice Jones, Jimmy established the Indian River County Choir's Union, was elected its first Vice President, and thus began a cherished, 55-year tradition in Indian River County that continues to this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the pioneer spirit and civic contributions of Brother Jimmy Mackey have greatly enriched Indian River County and the Treasure Coast, and that the Board extends its sincere thanks for his outstanding efforts.

Adopted this 18th day of February, 2020.

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

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