

# PROCLAMATION

## HONORING JOE N. IDLETTE, III

**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**, Joe Idlette, III, is a native son of Indian River County, loyal husband, father of two beautiful daughters, and grandfather of two wonderful grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe was one of the first African American students to integrate Vero Beach High School in 1968, and afterward matriculated at the great Florida State University in Tallahassee; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe subsequently returned home and began a career with the City of Vero Beach, culminating in 2012 -- after 34 distinguished years of service -- as Lead Treatment Plant Operator; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe's distinguished history of youth volunteerism in Indian River County covers multiple decades and continues to this day, comprising 25 years as a youth football coach and 28 years as a basketball coach with the Indian River County Recreation Department; ten years with Gifford Little League Baseball as president, coach, umpire, and more; and major contributions to the Cub Scouts and the Gifford Youth Achievement Center's Boys-To-Men-To-Greatness Mentoring Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe's efforts carry into community volunteerism, especially through Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen, the Starlight Garden Ministry, and United Way's Day of Caring; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe has served as a prominent civic leader, including as Vice Chairman of the Indian River County Housing Authority, Vice Chairman of the Economic Development Council, and President of the Progressive Civic League of Gifford since 2004.

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

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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

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