

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 15, 2017 AS NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

WHEREAS, philanthropy is a uniquely American tradition and our American nonprofit sector is the model for countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, the history of American philanthropy is filled with the names of the earliest Americans, and their efforts spawned universities, free public libraries, homes for widows and orphans and volunteer fire departments, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Americans contributed more than \$390 billion to 1.5 million charities registered with the Internal Revenue Service and contributed more than 7.9 billion volunteer hours to nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, today the nonprofit sector affects nearly every citizen in one way or another, from museums and concerts, school-sponsored day trips, little leagues and other groups that enrich our youth, to social services agencies that provide food, clothing, housing and training for those less fortunate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that November 15, 2017 be designated as **NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY** in Indian River County, and the Board urges all its citizens to recognize the tradition of philanthropy as it continues to improve and enhance the lives of all by promoting the common good.

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2017.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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