

PROCLAMATION

HONORING DOCTOR A. RONALD HUDSON

WHEREAS, A. Ronald Hudson, a 1950 graduate of Gifford High School, exemplifies educational and civic leadership to Indian River County through his life's accomplishments and is being honored as an African American Pioneer, and;

WHEREAS, A. Ronald Hudson, served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Army until his Honorable Discharge in 1954; and

WHEREAS, A. Ronald Hudson, went on to earn his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from Bethune Cookman College, to obtain his Master's Degree in Chemistry from Tuskegee University and a Master Degree in Educational Supervision and Administration from Stetson University, as well as a Doctorate in Psychology and School Administration from Walden University, whereupon he led a distinguished career educating the youth in Indian River County for 31 years from 1957 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, A. Ronald Hudson, with the love and support of his wife, Jackye, and three children, Dr. Rhonda Hudson, Dr. Vonda Jones Hudson and A. Ronald Hudson, Jr., became a role model for not only his family, but the Indian River Community, in his many roles as a Chairman or member of Board of Directors for such entities as the Gifford Youth Activities Center, Indian River Memorial Hospital; Habitat for Humanity; Job Training Centers, Inc., Mt. Zion AME Church, Indian River Community College, Gifford Progressive Civic League, and as a member of the Indian River County Commission Charter Government Committee, Rotary Club, and the United Way; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, A. Ronald Hudson strived to give back to the community through the founding of the Gifford Youth Achievement Center, providing professional expertise for area teachers, and authoring many publications to enhance student's education and to chronicle black heritage along the Treasure Coast; and

WHEREAS, A. Ronald Hudson's distinguished life included honors and awards such as Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Distinguished Educators Award, A Commitment to Excellence Award, Indian River County People's Award, the Book of Golden Deeds Award, the Dan Richardson Humanitarian Award and the Alma Lee Loy Service Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Proclamation recognizes the pioneer spirit and educational and civic contributions made to the Treasure Coast by Dr. A. Ronald Hudson.

Adopted this 20th day of February, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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