

PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF MEMORIAL DAY, 2021

WHEREAS, in the years following the end of the Civil War, flowers were placed on soldiers' graves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and

WHEREAS, the Congress, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, provided that Memorial Day should be set aside as a day of prayer for permanent peace; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a cherished tradition, one whose observance helps us appreciate our history, our values, and our responsibilities by reminding us that freedom is not free; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day has traditionally been devoted to paying homage to loved ones who lie in hallowed graves throughout the land, having sacrificed their lives so that war might end; and

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day we collectively pause for a moment of reverence, reflecting on the heroics of all those who answered when called by their country to bear arms and protect and preserve the ideals of democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Council of Indian River County – consisting of 28 veterans organizations representing over 18,000 veterans residing in the county – aims to host safe, smart Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 31st, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board urges all Indian River County residents to join together to rededicate ourselves to strengthening our Nation's promise, to pray for permanent peace, and to honor our fallen fellow Americans, both known and unknown, who sacrificed their freedom to ensure our own.

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2021.

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

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