

PROCLAMATION

HONORING ETTA LOPRESTI ON HER RETIREMENT FROM INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Etta LoPresti began her journey with Indian River County on May 8, 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. LoPresti advanced through her career starting out as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Emergency Services. On April 4, 1994, she was promoted to the Emergency Management Planner for the Emergency Management Division and on September 5, 2014 she was promoted once again, to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator in which capacity she has served until her retirement on May 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. LoPresti played a key role in progressing the county's Emergency Management program and has made great strides in Emergency Management throughout her tenure. Through her commitment and leadership, Indian River County Emergency Management earned accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program in 2016, one of the highest honors to recognize an emergency management program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. LoPresti has served on many State, Regional and working groups and task forces such as the Local Mitigation Strategy working group Vice-Chair, Indian River County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Task Force, the Indian River County Disaster Feeding Plan working group, Pet-Friendly Shelter Plan working group, Large and Exotic Animal Disaster Plan. She has also served as Emergency Support Function (ESF) #5, Information and Planning and went on to serve as the Emergency Operations Center Ops Chief for each Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation since 1992.

WHEREAS, Mrs. LoPresti has been awarded the Thomas Yatabe Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, and the State Emergency Response Commission Certificate of Appreciation, coordinated the county's Tsunami Preparedness Program to become the first county in the State of Florida to be designated Tsunami Ready by the National Weather Services, and coordinated the planning and implementation of the county's first pet-friendly shelter and disaster feeding plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board applauds Mrs. LoPresti for her 29 years of unwavering service, commitment and dedication to the citizens of Indian River County.

Adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

— Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman