

RESOLUTION 2023-____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY SUPPORTING AND RECOMMENDING
RETENTION OF THE CURRENT INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT
STATUS OF THE INDIAN RIVER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Indian River Mosquito Control District (District) has existed as an independent special district since 1925; and

WHEREAS, the climate and habitats within Indian River County (County) produce over 40 species of mosquitos; and

WHEREAS, those mosquitoes can transmit diseases, including West Nile virus, Zika, dengue, malaria, encephalitis, and chikungunya, which may be extremely harmful to human health if not addressed promptly and professionally; and

WHEREAS, multiple regions of the County would be virtually uninhabitable if it were not for the mosquito control activities currently performed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has developed considerable and irreplaceable expertise in the control of arthropods that would have otherwise threatened the health, safety, and welfare of citizens of Indian River County with a number of mosquito-borne diseases; and

WHEREAS, the control of arthropods is essential to the ongoing economic development of Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the District is to proudly protect our community through innovative science-based solutions, fiscal responsibility, enhanced customer service and community engagement, utilize creative approaches to research and technology while embracing environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS, large amounts of public recreation land exist in the County for the enjoyment of residents and tourists alike, and the ability to enjoy the use of such lands would be substantially reduced if effective mosquito control does not continue; and

WHEREAS, the District is an independent special district focused solely on vector and nuisance mosquito control, while developing and employing cutting edge control methods that have been founded in science; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the responsibilities and areas of expertise possessed by both the County the District, it is clear that the continued function of this independent special district is vital to the prosperity, health, safety and welfare of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners supports the continued

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operation of mosquito control efforts under the independent special district known as the Indian River Mosquito Control District;

- 2. The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners does not desire to assume responsibility for mosquito control within Indian River County;
- 3. The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners does not believe there are any worthwhile cost savings or economies of scale that would be achieved by the County taking over the functions of the Indian River Mosquito Control District; and
- 4. The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners recommends to the Florida Legislature that the current independent special district status of the Indian River Mosquito Control District be retained in the Laws of Florida.
- 5. The Clerk is directed to send this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House and Indian River County Legislative Delegation.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Susan Adams	_____
Vice Chairman Joseph E. Flescher	_____
Commissioner Joseph H. Earman	_____
Commissioner Deryl Loar	_____
Commissioner Laura Moss	_____

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of December, 2023.

Attest: Ryan L. Butler, Clerk of Court and Comptroller

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By _____
Deputy Clerk

By _____
Susan Adams, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

William K. DeBaal
County Attorney