

# PROCLAMATION

## CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY HARBOR BRANCH OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE

**WHEREAS**, being founded in 1971 by Seward Johnson and Edwin Link, Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute has provided 50 years of groundbreaking research and exploration to address the critical issues facing our oceans, thereby positively impacting human health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, from developing new cancer therapies to working on cutting-edge aquaculture techniques for global food security to tackling toxic algal blooms, FAU Harbor Branch has remained steadfast in the pursuit of Ocean Science for a Better World; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of 50 years of program expansion at FAU Harbor Branch, marine scientists, engineers, educators, and students have served as valuable community resources, increasing their reach to over 100 miles along Florida's east coast, and establishing Harbor Branch as a worldwide trusted leader for marine and ocean science, conservation, and education; and

**WHEREAS**, FAU Harbor Branch was founded in the spirit of ocean exploration to unveil the mysteries of the deep; and

**WHEREAS**, to this day, FAU Harbor Branch relentlessly pursues innovative ocean research while providing top-tier educational programs that will lead humankind to solve the most pressing issues facing our oceans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Board does hereby congratulate Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute on 50 years of world-class research, fueled by the spirit of ocean exploration.

Adopted this 14th day of December, 2021.

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

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