

Proclamation

NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

MAY 1-7, 2022

Whereas, the tourism and travel industry plays a critical role in Indian River County's and the nation's economic prosperity, generating more than \$2.6 trillion in economic impact last year with \$96 billion spent directly in Florida by out of state travelers; and

Whereas, the tourism industry provides over 8,000 local jobs to support tourism, generated \$53 million in state and local taxes in 2019, with \$565 million spent with our local businesses; and

Whereas, approximately 85% of all travel and tourism related businesses are small business owners who have depended on community support throughout the recent pandemic crisis and afterwards; and

Whereas, the tourism and travel industry is crucial to powering our community as an essential economic driver to spur growth for local business, contributing to major infrastructure improvements, such as beach renourishment and the Jackie Robinson Sports Complex, and is currently outperforming revenues collected in the past ten years and has recovered faster than many other industries in the county; and

Whereas, the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce and the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners have had a working relationship to promote tourism throughout the county for over thirty-three years; and

Whereas, the Indian River County Board of County Commissions has invested in tourism throughout the pandemic by promoting the county with American Recovery Act resources as well as tourist tax dollars, because it recognizes that the tourism and travel industry is a necessary and prominent component of everyday life and should be supported and protected.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that May 1-7, 2022 is National Travel and Tourism Week in Indian River County, Florida and encourages all citizens of the county to join us in recognizing the critical role this industry plays in our county and throughout the state of Florida.

Adopted this 3rd day of May, 2022.

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