

# *Proclamation*

## **RECOGNIZING OCTOBER, 2022, AS VAPING AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has declared youth e-cigarette use, or “vaping,” a nationwide epidemic, as vaping has increased dramatically across the country and in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology revealed that 16.5% of Indian River County students admit to currently using an electronic vapor product; and

**WHEREAS**, e-cigarettes are unsafe for kids, teens, and young adults due to their highly-addictive nicotine content, and that developing young brains are more vulnerable to its effects, including reduced impulse control, deficits in attention and cognition, mood disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, e-cigarette aerosol is not harmless water vapor, and the aerosol that users breathe and exhale from these devices can contain harmful substances, including cancer-causing chemicals and heavy metals such as nickel, tin, and lead; and

**WHEREAS**, the focus of October, 2022, Vaping Awareness Month is to put accurate information about youth and adult e-cigarette use into the hands of our citizens as an important step to reversing this alarming trend in Indian River County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian River County Commissioners are dedicated to protecting the health, safety and welfare of our youth and educating our citizens on the dangers of electronic vapor product usage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA** that October, 2022, be recognized as Vaping Awareness Month in Indian River County.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

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