

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JULY, 2023, AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH AND DESIGNATING JULY 21, 2023 AS PARKS AND RECREATION PROFESSIONALS' DAY

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Month was established in 1985 and celebrates its 38th year in the state of Florida and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, County Parks and Conservation Areas preserve the ecological beauty of our community, improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve air quality, are aesthetically pleasing, and provide open green space for people and valuable habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County is fortunate to have many beautiful parks, playgrounds, ball fields, golf courses, swimming facilities, nature trails, beaches, fairgrounds, campgrounds, intergenerational recreational facilities, a shooting range, and open spaces, which make our community a more attractive and desirable place to live, work and play; as well as to contribute to our ongoing economic vitality through enhancing property values, increased tourism, the attraction of visitors and recreational events; and

WHEREAS, services that parks and recreation professionals provide are vital for our communities — from protecting open space and natural resources to providing wellness and mental health benefits for all people. Parks and Recreation Month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value parks and recreation professionals bring to communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners values the essential services that parks and recreation professionals and volunteers perform to provide recreational activities that build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board designates July as **Parks and Recreation Month (Where Community Grows)**, and July 21, 2023 as **Parks and Recreation Professionals Day** and encourages all citizens to celebrate by participating in the diverse activities offered through the many facilities and places provided by Indian River County.

Adopted this the 11th day of July 2023

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