

# Proclamation

## RECOGNIZING AFRICAN AMERICAN PIONEER CRAIG WALKER, SR.

*Whereas*, Indian River County celebrates African American Pioneers who, through their service in the business, public, and elected arenas, have paved the way for this and future generations; and

*Whereas*, cooking is Mr. Walker's first passion, and his second passion is helping others. Mr. Walker started a catering business named after his son CJ, known as CJ's World-Famous Barbeque and Catering Services; and

*Whereas*, Mr. Walker is constantly thinking about helping people in need, no matter how big or small the situation is. He is always there to lend a helping hand. Combining his passions for food and helping others, he put together a holiday feast for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mr. Walker is also a barber and offers free haircuts to the community for back to school; and

*Whereas*, Mr. Walker coached Little League Football where he mentored many youths by letting them know all things are possible as long as you are respectful, study and work hard. He created a special bond with many of the coaches and players and continued to stay in touch with them through middle and high school; and

*Whereas*, Mr. Walker pays his blessings forward, whether he is downtown shopping, out to dinner eating, working with the PTA at Dodgertown Elementary, organizing toy drives for the holidays or on the community streets in Gifford.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, we recognize Craig Walker and his numerous contributions to the community.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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