PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5-11, 2017, AS "2-1-1 AWARENESS WEEK"

WHEREAS, many times when individuals and families need help in meeting life's basic needs or are experiencing times of crisis and are not sure where to turn; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 is an easy to remember, easy to use three-digit number recognized as the central linkage point in providing individuals and families with the guidance, support and information they need to solve their problems; and with the crisis intervention and suicide prevention they seek to keep them safe; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County is fortunate to have 2-1-1 HelpLine, a service that is available any time of day or night that enables individuals and families to get the help they need; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1's specialized advocacy and support services also include the Help Me Grow Initiative which helps link vulnerable families to crucial services while 2-1-1's life-saving "Sunshine" daily phone calls continue to positively impact the lives of local housebound and/or isolated seniors—all at no cost to those participating; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 HelpLine service is free, confidential, available 24/7, with highly trained staff who assisted thousands of individuals in need of crisis intervention, assessment and referrals to community services. The staff at 2-1-1 will continue to provide that warm voice at the other end of the line and the caring assistance to the people of our community. "211. HelpStartsHere!"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the week of February 5-11, 2017, be designated as 2-1-1 Awareness Week in Indian River County. The Board urges all citizens to be aware of the only telephone number they need to know to access information and referral to the programs and services in our community that provide assistance in such areas as Health Care, Insurance, Volunteering, Food, Day Care, Mental Health Counseling, Support Groups, Financial Assistance, etc.

Adopted this 7th day of February, 2017.

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