

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19 - 25, 2017, AS THROUGH WITH CHEW WEEK

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida and QuitDoc Foundation are leaders in tobacco prevention and cessation efforts; and,

WHEREAS, using smokeless tobacco can lead to nicotine addiction and dependence; and,

WHEREAS, smokeless tobacco products like chew and dip can contain more nicotine than cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, smokeless tobacco users have an 80 percent higher risk of oral cancer; and,

WHEREAS, youth use of smokeless tobacco has fluctuated but has not decreased compared to a decade ago; and,

WHEREAS, Indian River County's rate of youth using smokeless tobacco of 3.2% is higher than the State's smokeless use rate of 2.2; and highest youth rates are in rural areas; and,

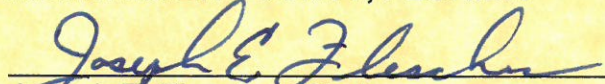
WHEREAS, once adolescents start using one tobacco product, they are more likely to experiment with others; and

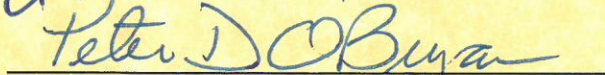
WHEREAS, Tobacco Free Florida's *Quit Your Way* can double a tobacco user's chances of successfully quitting.

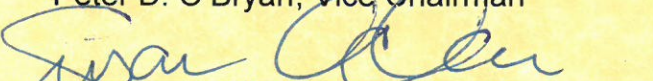
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the week of February 19 – 25, 2017 be recognized as Through with Chew Week in Indian River County.

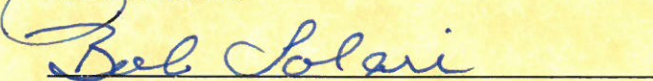
Adopted this 21st day of February, 2017.

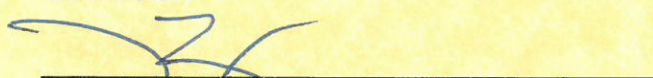
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