

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017, AS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, volunteerism strengthens communities, improves social problems, and enhances the overall quality of life for all citizens, including children, seniors, those who are disabled, impoverished, imprisoned, homeless, physically or mentally ill, or otherwise in need of assistance; and,

WHEREAS, volunteering changes the lives of volunteers in a positive way by increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and physical wellbeing; offering the chance to make new friends; and providing opportunities to learn new skills and abilities; and,

WHEREAS, volunteering is proven to have a positive influence on businesses that are socially responsible by increasing employee morale, loyalty and teamwork, and building goodwill toward the company; and,

WHEREAS, nonprofits, charities, community and faith-based groups, schools, volunteer centers, and national service programs in Indian River County have joined together with state and local governments in celebration and praise of volunteers who have given tirelessly and selflessly to the service of others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the month of April, 2017, be designated as **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH** in Indian River County and the Board encourages all citizens to promote the spirit of volunteerism; to observe the appropriate activities, programs and ceremonies supporting volunteerism; and to participate and engage others in volunteer activities now and for as long as they are able.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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