

**PROCLAMATION
DESIGNATING MAY 1, 2017, AS LAW DAY
AND MAY 1-7, 2017 AS LAW WEEK**

WHEREAS, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation's and Florida's heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and,

WHEREAS, Law Day has been annually proclaimed by the President of the United States since Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day on May 1, 1958; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 1961 encoded the presidential practice into law, statutorily designating May 1st as Law Day; and,

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has identified the 2017 Law Day theme as "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy"; and,

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment has greatly expanded the constitutional protections available to all through its clauses guaranteeing due process and equal protection; and,

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment has served as the basis of, and inspiration for, landmark civil rights legislation and court decisions protecting and advancing the rights of Americans; and,

WHEREAS, promoting public understanding of the history of our civil liberties is an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Law Day, May 1, 2017, and Law Week, May 1-7, 2017, will be commemorated in Indian River County, Florida with events such as "Ask-A-Lawyer," "Lawyers in the Classroom," and a breakfast honoring the local judiciary and their staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that May 1, 2017, be designated as Law Day and May 1-7, 2017 be designated as Law Week in Indian River County.

Adopted this 2nd day of May, 2017.

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