

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING MAY 29, 2017, AS MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our Nation's service; and,

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and,

WHEREAS, more than 15,000 veterans of all wars presently reside in Indian River County, which is host to 24 veteran organizations; and,

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day we pause collectively for a moment of reverence, reflecting on the heroics of those who answered when called by their Country to bear arms and to protect and preserve the ideals of democracy; and,

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a cherished tradition in our Nation and its observance helps us appreciate our history, our values, and our responsibilities by reminding us that freedom is not free; and,

WHEREAS, the Veterans Council of Indian River County, consisting of 24 veteran organizations representing more than 15,000 veterans residing in the County, is holding the Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Monday, May 29, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that May 29, 2017 be designated as **"MEMORIAL DAY"** and the Board encourages all citizens to fly the American flag to remember all service members who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, and to attend the Memorial Day ceremony at 8:45AM at Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Monday, May 29, 2017.

Adopted this 16th day of May, 2017.

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

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