PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE DAY OF JULY 1, 2017, AS HONOR GUARDS DAY

WHEREAS, Honor Guards and their families and communities face an increasingly difficult role as they protect and serve the nation and public; Honor Guards of America consist of former and retired military, US Coast Guards, Police, Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) responders, Chefs and other agency personnel; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016, 16 Military, 140 Law Enforcement Officers, 68 Fire Fighters and 15 EMS responders across the nation lost their lives in the line of duty, representing the highest Line Of Duty Deaths in years; and,

WHEREAS, the men and women who wear these uniforms understand the dangers of their job, but they heed the call to serve and willingly face those risks every day, in order to create a safe nation and communities for all Americans; and,

WHEREAS, Indian River County recognizes and appreciates the sacrifices of Honor Guards and their families and support their efforts to keep Indian River County a safe place to work, live and visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the day of July 1, 2017, be designated as Honor Guards Day in Indian River County and the Board encourages all citizens to acknowledge and value the service provided by Honor Guards.

Adopted this 20th day of June, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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