PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2017, AS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$135 billion in total economic activity annually, \$22.3 billion in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.1 million jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the month of October, 2017, be designated as NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH in Indian River County and that we call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in our community.

Adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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