

PROCLAMATION

HONORING FREDDIE WOOLFORK FOR HIS SERVICE AT THE GIFFORD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

WHEREAS, Mr. Freddie Woolfork has faithfully, diligently, and tirelessly served the Gifford Youth Achievement Center, formerly known as the Gifford Youth Activity Center, for 20 years beginning October 1, 1997, as a guiding force in the development and direction of the Center for the benefit of the children and residents of Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woolfork coordinated with Dr. Ronald Hudson, Dr. Bill Nigh and Danford K. Richardson, founders of the Gifford Youth Achievement Center, to develop the programs to better serve the children, adults, and seniors in the Gifford community and to help improve graduation rates of African-American students in Indian River County, which had dropped to as low as 23 percent and has rebounded to over 77 percent today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woolfork began as the Center's first Director of Programs Development in 1997, overseeing the coordination of the construction of the Center as well as the growth of the Gifford complex which includes Gifford Park, Gifford Community Center and Gifford Aquatic Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woolfork, past President and current Vice-President of the Progressive Civic League of Gifford, continues to work for the betterment of the lives of Gifford citizens through organizations like C.O.P.E. (Community Oriented Policing Enforcement), the United Way of Indian River County, Habitat for Humanity, Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers and Youth Council Career Source and numerous additional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Gifford Youth Achievement Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit agency with its sole purpose to enhance the academic achievement of children in Indian River County and enrich youth and adult success in life, as well as provide programs and activities for adults and senior citizens in its facilities, which contain classrooms, computer labs, a County Library and an indoor gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woolfork continues to work to support the mission of establishing a partnership among our youth and adults of the Gifford community and surrounding municipalities of Indian River County to encourage development of self-esteem, teach character, and encourage every individual to reach for his or her ultimate potential with God's guidance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the Board applauds Freddie Woolfork's efforts on behalf of the Citizens of Indian River County, and the Board wishes to express its appreciation for the dedicated service he has given over the past 20 years.

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2017

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