PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2018, AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM MONTH

WHEREAS, Indian River County prides itself on giving back to the community, contributing to the quality of life among our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, April 15 through April 21, 2018, has been designated as National Volunteer Appreciation Week; and,

WHEREAS, the Guardian Ad Litem Program is a partnership of volunteers from our county and staff who advocate for the best interest of abused, abandoned, and neglected children within our community; and,

WHEREAS, there are at least 190 children in Indian River County involved in the court system through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, there are 84 citizens of Indian River County advocating for their community's children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the Board hereby recognizes the month of April, 2018 as Guardian Ad Litem Month in Indian River County, and urges all residents to give of their time to make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable children by volunteering with the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2018. **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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