## PROCLAMATION

## DESIGNATING OCTOBER, 2019, AS MANUFACTURING MONTH IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS,** the manufacturing industry is vital to the health of our County, the State of Florida, and our entire nation; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing is one of the cornerstones of our local economy, helping to sustain our quality of life as well as foster a solid and diversified tax base in Indian River County; and

**WHEREAS,** Indian River County, in partnership with the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, supports the manufacturing industry and manufacturing careers; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing provides over 2,200 high-wage and high-skill jobs in Indian River County - an increase of 300 jobs since 2018 - paying an average annual wage of \$56,000, higher than our current average wage of \$40,000; and

**WHEREAS**, our county is home to 135 manufacturers that produce a wide variety of products, from personal aircraft to personal submersibles, sold to customers throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness of the value that manufacturers add to our economy is essential to preserving positive relationships between our residents and our manufacturing community; and

**WHEREAS**, we join the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce and its Manufacturing Boot Camp Task Force members in encouraging students to consider manufacturing as a career pathway; and

WHEREAS, all residents are encouraged to take time to acknowledge Indian River County manufacturers, and their employees, for the positive economic impact they have in our county, the State of Florida, and our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the month of October, 2019, be designated as MANUFACTURING MONTH IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019.

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