PROCLAMATION ON PARTNERING WITH THE 2020 CENSUS TO ENSURE AN ACCURATE COUNT FOR INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

WHEREAS, an accurate census count invigorates our community's development in the upcoming decade by impacting funding decisions for critical local services, including schools, health clinics, after-school programs, public transportation, roads, school lunch programs, playgrounds, and community centers for seniors; and

WHEREAS, more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities, based in part on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and often is used for redistricting state legislatures and local voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census stimulates economic growth by creating local jobs, especially as census takers who verify our community receives an accurate enumeration; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the Census is confidential and protected by law under Title 13, U.S. Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that as a 2020 Census partner, Indian River County supports the goals of the Census; encourages its citizens to participate in events that raise overall awareness and ensure a full, accurate count; and seeks opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community to advocate on behalf of the 2020 Census.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020.

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