

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JULY, 2020, AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH AND DESIGNATING JULY 17, 2020 AS PARKS AND RECREATION PROFESSIONALS DAY

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Month was established in 1985 and celebrates its 35th year in the state of Florida and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, passive and active recreation in Indian River County significantly enhances the quality of life for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, active recreation builds teamwork, self-esteem, comradery, life-skills, and contributes to a healthy mind, body and spirit; and

WHEREAS, passive recreation nourishes a love of the outdoors and provides an appreciation of the natural environment and contributes to a healthy community and economy; and

WHEREAS, county parks and conservation areas preserve the ecological beauty of our community, improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve air quality, are aesthetically pleasing, and provide open green space for people and valuable habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County is fortunate to have many beautiful parks, playgrounds, ball fields, golf courses, swimming facilities, nature trails, beaches, fairgrounds, campgrounds, intergenerational recreational facilities, a shooting range, and open spaces which make our community a more attractive and desirable place to live, work and play; as well as to contribute to our ongoing economic vitality through increased property values, increased tourism, attraction of visitors and recreational events; and

WHEREAS, services that parks and recreation professionals provide are vital for our communities — from protecting open space and natural resources, to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for all people. This has been especially true throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Parks and Recreation Month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value parks and recreation professionals bring to communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board values the essential services that parks and recreation professionals and volunteers perform to provide recreational and developmental enrichment for our children, youth, adults and older adults; and to ensure our parks and recreational spaces are clean, safe, inclusive, welcoming and ready to use; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUTNY, FLORIDA, that the Board designates July as **Parks and Recreation Month**, and July 17 as **Parks and Recreation Professionals Day** and encourages all citizens to celebrate by participating in the diverse activities offered through the many facilities and places offered by Indian River County.

Adopted this the 14th day of July, 2020

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