

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING JANUARY 26, 2019, AS PURPLE HEART CANE DAY

WHEREAS, Indian River Woodcarvers was started by Joe Miller in January, 2007 and continues today under the guidance of President Craig Holterman, having undertaken community projects such as comfort birds for hospice patients and the Purple Heart Cane Project for combat wounded veterans; and,

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Cane Project is a community outreach activity by which the Indian River Woodcarvers Club honors Purple Heart recipients with hand-carved personalized canes; and,

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Cane Project began in 2009 by presenting 4 canes to Veterans, and are now working on cane number 362. With community support, this project will continue until every combat wounded veteran in our area has been honored; and,

WHEREAS, each intricately carved cane displays the history of the individual veteran's service to his country, including details about service branch, awards earned, and dates of enlistment and discharge. Every cane bears the head of an eagle, no stunning detail is spared.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that January 26, 2019, be designated as Purple Heart Cane Day in Indian River County and the Board encourages all citizens to attend the cane presentation hosted by and at the National UDT/SEAL Museum on January 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Adopted this 15th day of January, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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