

Proclamation

HONORING JASON BROWN FOR 24 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Whereas, Jason Brown, a native son of Vero Beach, is departing from the Indian River County Administrator's Office, effective December 31, 2022; and

Whereas, Jason started his career with the Indian River Board of County Commissioners on May 1, 1998, and has provided exceptional service to the citizens for more than twenty-four years, first in the Office of Management and Budget and subsequently as the County Administrator, where he oversaw the activities of eight departments with 900 employees and a \$450 million budget; and

Whereas, Jason prioritized state-of-the-art projects to help improve water quality in the Indian River Lagoon, such as Osprey Acres, which serves as both a recreational amenity and upland habitat preserve, and Septic-to-Sewer projects in North Sebastian, West Wabasso and Roseland, which reduces harmful nutrient loading in the Indian River Lagoon; and

Whereas, Jason successfully led the County response through multiple emergency events, hurricanes as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, and contributed to the development and continued improvement of a Critical Incident Stress Management policy and services to support first responders in Fire Rescue; and

Whereas, Jason was key to the acquisition and renovation of the first permanent North County Offices, providing more convenient access to County services for the rapidly growing North County population; and

Whereas, Jason facilitated negotiations with Major League Baseball to operate the Jackie Robinson Training Complex as a year-round destination for the MLB and other sports tournaments, attracting visitors from across the country, and also secured agreement with Brightline for \$31 million in railroad crossing safety improvements, ensuring that Brightline train crossings in the County are as safe as possible; and

Whereas, Jason's complete commitment to his duties as County Administrator have brought great credit upon himself and the staff, and contributed greatly to the continued positive image of Indian River County.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the Board lauds the many contributions Jason Brown has made to Indian River County during his lengthy tenure, and wishes him the greatest success in all of his future endeavors.

Adopted this 20th day of December, 2022.

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

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