

Proclamation

Recognizing Indian River County as a MOONSHOT COMMUNITY FOR LITERACY

Whereas, our most precious resources are our children. The first years of a child's life lay the foundation for all future learning where the most rapid brain development occurs; and

Whereas, early literacy is the gateway to all learning; from birth to third grade we learn to read so that we can then, read to learn. Statistics show children who are reading on level by the end of third grade have a greater chance of success; and

Whereas, literacy is the key to individual success and our community's economic prosperity, therefore, we must build literate communities and support families as their child's first teacher; and

Whereas, Indian River County has become an A school district, and increased the number of third grade students reading on grade level to 60% and continues its dedication to reaching our Moonshot 90% literacy goal; and

Whereas, the state of Florida has also declared a Moonshot 90% literacy goal, recognizing kindergarten readiness and 3rd grade reading as critical milestones in becoming a top ten economy by 2030; and

Whereas, the Campaign for Grade-level Reading has declared our Indian River County Moonshot Community Action Network as a national Pacesetter to honor us for the community-inspired literacy movement; and

Whereas, it takes trusted relationships, teamwork, and early education policy to create a Moonshot Community where 90% of our students are reading on grade level by the end of 3rd grade.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that Indian River County agrees to join the Moonshot Moment Journey Team of teams and commit to working together as Moonshot Leaders in 2024 to make Indian River County a leading literacy capital of the nation.

Adopted this 19th day of March 2024.

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

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