

# Proclamation

## COMMENDING FRIENDS AFTER DIAGNOSIS

*Whereas*, Friends After Diagnosis is an Indian River County, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of women diagnosed with cancer; and

*Whereas*, at present, Florida has the second-highest cancer burden in the nation and since 2014, cancer has been the second leading cause of death in Florida following heart disease; and

*Whereas*, an average of 115,000 new cancers are diagnosed, and reported each year to the statewide cancer registry, the Florida Cancer Data System; and

*Whereas*, Friends After Diagnosis has served local women diagnosed with cancer, and their caregivers for 14 years providing support groups, wellness programming, personal services, financial navigation, and mental health referrals; and

*Whereas*, events and networking are offered to help survivors feel connected and secure in a genuinely caring community, which is inclusive and diverse, welcoming all ages, stages of life, and belief systems without question; and

*Whereas*, it is the hope and vision of Friends After Diagnosis to see that all women diagnosed with cancer and their loved ones have lives filled with wisdom, wellness, fellowship, and peace.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, that Friends After Diagnosis is to be commended for their compassionate and continuing, supportive care of women with cancer in Indian River County on October 31, 2023, which is fitting as October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month by the American Cancer Society, and that all residents are encouraged to obtain their routine cancer screenings in order to safeguard their health and well-being.

Adopted this 31st day of October, 2023.

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