

Proclamation

Honoring Jackie Robinson and Celebrating the 2026 Jackie Robinson Celebration Game

Whereas, April 15, 2026, marks the 79th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking Major League Baseball's color barrier in 1947 with the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first African American to play in Major League Baseball; and

Whereas, Jackie Robinson spent nine Spring Trainings (1948–1956) at Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Florida, where the Brooklyn Dodgers advanced to the World Series five times; and

Whereas, Dodgertown became the first fully integrated Spring Training site in the south in 1948, serving as a beacon of progress during a time of segregation; and

Whereas, the Jackie Robinson Celebration Game will take place on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Holman Stadium at the Jackie Robinson Training Complex, with the Jupiter Hammerheads and Palm Beach Frozen Iguanas facing off to honor Jackie Robinson's legacy while raising funds for United Way of Indian River County; and

Whereas, this event brings residents and visitors together to celebrate history, enjoy America's pastime, and give back to the local community.

Now, therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that we honor the life and legacy of Jackie Robinson, recognize the importance of the Jackie Robinson Celebration Game, and encourage residents and visitors to participate in this meaningful event on April 15, 2026.

Adopted this 24th day of March 2026.

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

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