

Proclamation

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7, 2023

Whereas, on December 7, 1941 the Japanese Navy attacked the US military forces at Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field Hawaii causing massive damage to the US Navy with the loss of nearly 20 vessels including the battleships USS Arizona, USS Oklahoma, USS California, USS West Virginia, USS Utah, USS Maryland, USS Pennsylvania, USS Tennessee, and USS Nevada. Additionally, over 200 US aircraft were destroyed while still on the ground. The attack resulted in the loss of almost 2,500 men killed and another 1,000 wounded; and

Whereas, although never declared an official holiday, on August 23, 1994 United States Congress designated December 7th as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Historically, this day has been known as “A date which will live in infamy”, and caused the United States to declare war on Japan on December 8, 1941; and

Whereas, on December 7, 2023, on the 82nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, we pause to remember those who gave their lives on that day as well as the many who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in the coming battles of World War II; and

Whereas, over 18,000 veterans of all wars presently reside in Indian River County, which is host to approximately 20 veteran organizations; and

Whereas, local veterans, individually and collectively as members of veteran organizations, contribute in many ways to the welfare and betterment of the social, cultural, and economic life of Indian River County; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, December 7, 2023 the Veterans Council of Indian River County express their heartfelt appreciation to all veterans living in Indian River County.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that December 7, 2023 be designated as **PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY** in Indian River County, and urge all citizens to fly the American flag to pay tribute to all veterans living and deceased.

Adopted this 5th day of December, 2023.

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

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