

Proclamation

VERO BEACH MUSEUM OF ART 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Whereas, the Vero Beach Museum of Art, a nonprofit organization founded as the Alliance for the Arts in 1978 to create a regional center for the appreciation and teaching of the arts and humanities, opened to the public debt-free on January 31, 1986, in Riverside Park, as the Center for the Arts; and

Whereas, in 2002, the Museum changed its name to the Vero Beach Museum of Art and was recognized in 2025 by ReMuseum as one of the best-attended small museums in the nation, serving 78,000 annually with blockbuster exhibitions such as *Art Deco Automobiles* that drew 40,000 over a 3-month period, and through programs for families, school experiences for PreK–Grade 12, art classes, and community access programs, that provide enrichment to 39,000 each year, and;

Whereas, on November 7, 2025, the Museum broke ground on a new building and transformed campus to ensure its long-term sustainability and resilience, double its gallery space, extend its programming capabilities, and create a new public space for community gathering and exchange; and

Whereas, the Vero Beach Museum of Art on February 14, 2026, will celebrate its 40th year of service to Indian River County with a free community celebration of the arts.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the Board congratulates the Vero Beach Museum of Art on 40 years of cultural enrichment for Indian River County and its residents.

Adopted this 27th day of January, 2026.

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

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