

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF MEMORIAL DAY, 2023

Whereas, in the years following the end of the Civil War, flowers were placed on soldiers' graves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and

Whereas, the Congress, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, provided that Memorial Day should be set aside as a day of prayer for permanent peace; and

Whereas, Memorial Day is a cherished tradition, one whose observance helps us appreciate our history, our values, and our responsibilities by reminding us that freedom is not free, and that America is strongest when we set aside personal differences and strive together; and

Whereas, on Memorial Day we revere those who came from every part of the country, of every background and belief, and united to answer the call to protect and preserve the ideals of democracy, and now lie in hallowed graves, having sacrificed their lives so that war might end and all people may live in freedom and prosperity; and

Whereas, Memorial Day honors those who put the welfare of their fellow Americans before their own, performed their duties loyally and selflessly without thought of recognition or personal safety, and went further and endured longer to contribute to the greater national effort; and

Whereas, the Veterans Council of Indian River County – consisting of 28 veterans organizations representing over 18,000 veterans residing in the county – will host numerous Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 29, 2023.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the Board urges all Indian River County residents to join together and rededicate ourselves to strengthening our Nation's promise, to pray for permanent peace, and to honor our fallen fellow Americans, both known and unknown, who sacrificed their freedom to ensure our own.

Adopted this 16th day of May, 2023.

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

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