

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING AFRICAN AMERICAN PIONEER REVEREND CARL L. DARRISAW

Whereas, Indian River County celebrates African American Pioneers who, through their service in the business, public, and elected arenas, have paved the way for this and future generations; and

Whereas, Rev. Darrisaw attended Gifford Elementary and Gifford High School before moving to New York where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology followed by a Doctor of Ministry; and

Whereas, he previously worked as a Parachute Rigger for the U.S. Army, a hospital Chaplain, Teaching Dean, and Pastor; he has traveled throughout the United States and South Korea to help those in need by providing ministry services; and

Whereas, in 2016 Rev. Darrisaw joined the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Gifford where he has touched the lives of countless congregation members, outside of church he frequently dedicates his time to attending County School Board and Affordable Housing Committee meetings; and

Whereas, Rev. Darrisaw is Minister to the F.U.E.L. Men's group in Sebastian, a member of the American Legion Hall and is building an alliance between African American and Jewish Americans; he is an avid supporter of Gifford Youth Achievement Center and the Gifford Historical Museum.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the actions of Reverend Carl L. Darrisaw have greatly enriched Indian River County. He has selflessly dedicated his life to serve, support, and assist members of our community.

Adopted this 6th day of February, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Susan Adams, Chairman

Joseph E. Flescher, Vice Chairman

Joseph H. Earman

Deryl Loar

Laura Moss