

Proclamation

HONORING THE MOONSHOT COMMUNITY AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO LITERACY

Whereas, literacy is the cornerstone of individual success and community prosperity, and we aspire to contribute to making Indian River County a national leader in literacy; and

Whereas, children are our most valuable resource, early years are crucial for building the foundation for lifelong learning and success; and

Whereas, children transition from learning to read, to reading to learn. Children who are not proficient readers by the end of third grade face significant academic challenges; and

Whereas, the Moonshot Community Action Network has demonstrated remarkable commitment to improving childhood literacy and achieving our Moonshot Goal of 90% of students reading on grade-level by the end of 3rd grade; and

Whereas, achieving the Moonshot goal requires a community-wide effort, as approximately 45% of children enter kindergarten unprepared. We must support families as their children's first teachers, providing them with the necessary tools and resources; and

Whereas, March is National Reading Month, providing an opportunity to emphasize the importance of literacy for all ages.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, we recognize the vital contributions of the Moonshot Community within Indian River County and its commitment for ensuring children's success in literacy.

Adopted this 8th day of April 2025.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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