

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING NOVEMBER, 2015 AS THE GIFFORD YOUTH ORCHESTRA MONTH IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

WHEREAS, based on the inscription on the walls of the African Egyptian Temples is the instruction: "Know Thyself;" and the teaching of the esteemed Greek Philosopher, Plato – reminding us that to teach children the patterns in music and all the arts is to give them the keys to learning, the Gifford Youth Orchestra built the foundation of its legacy; and

WHEREAS, The Gifford Youth Orchestra is dedicated to this admonition to help young people better know their self and to learn the patterns of music, and to understand these keys to learning can assist them in succeeding in school and in life; "More Violins ~ Less Violence ~ Better Tomorrows;" and

WHEREAS, the purpose of The Gifford Youth Orchestra is to provide a professional, creative environment for students' participation and self-expression, and for the development of critical thinking skills and positive strategies for academic success in public school and institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, The Gifford Youth Orchestra has provided instruments, music lessons and life coaching to over 130 boys and girls, in Indian River County ages six to eighteen; "and

WHEREAS, the Gifford Youth Orchestra is at the forefront of community efforts in providing young people with positive self-identity, educational enhancement, social and emotional strength, cultural competencies, community service, leadership training and job training skills to become a performer or a teacher via its tutor training and 1st String Performers Services; "Each One Teach One;" and

WHEREAS, the Gifford, Florida Youth Orchestra helps ensure that our young people keep off the street and on the stage of many local, state, and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, 100% of the high school graduates of the Gifford Youth Orchestra are now in college pursuing a future with music and other mathematically based, culturally based and social venues; and

WHEREAS, the Gifford Youth Orchestra celebrates its 12th Anniversary in November, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that November 2015 be officially observed as the **Gifford Youth Orchestra Month in Indian River County**, and the Board recognizes and commends the Gifford Youth Orchestra for their services to young people.

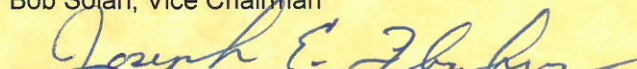
Adopted this 10th day of November, 2015




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