Before the Board of County Commissioners Martin County, Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup Week in Martin County, Florida

- **Whereas**, the State of Florida has been blessed with abundant, diverse and wondrous natural resources, which include freshwater springs, the Gulf, Atlantic, Everglades and the Treasure Coast's very own Savannas, St. Lucie River and Indian River Lagoon; and
- **Whereas**, the Indian River Lagoon, Okeechobee Waterway, St. Lucie River and their many tributaries are an important part of what makes the Treasure Coast special, providing numerous habitats to our plants and wildlife, the basis for commerce and tourism, recreational opportunities and a source of inspiration and awe; and
- **Whereas**, our growing population and poor behaviors have negatively impacted the health of our waterways in many ways, including one that is hard to miss -litter along our waterways and shorelines; and
- **Whereas**, many Treasure Coast citizens have come together to do something about it, to clean our waterways as part of a larger effort to protect our quality of life and save our rivers; and
- **Whereas**, Martin County has a passionate and thriving boating community in Florida and on the Treasure Coast and is committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life not only within the county but also within our region; and
- **Whereas,** the 18th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Marine Industry Association of the Treasure Coast, Inc. in conjunction with the Florida Navigation District, sponsors and thousands of volunteers.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that July 19-27, 2025 is Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup Week in Martin County. Further, the Board encourages all organizations and citizens to join the effort to clean up our waterways and to remember that all litter eventually makes its way to the water.

Presented this Eighth Day of July 2025

ATTEST:

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