

A Proclamation

Whereas, cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease that affects more than 1,600 children and adults in Florida, more than 30,000 children and adults in the United States, and 70,000 children and adults worldwide; and

Whereas, more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the cystic fibrosis gene, and the disease occurs in approximately one of every 3,500 live births in the United States; and

Whereas, the median age of survival for a person with cystic fibrosis is 41 years, and the number of adults with cystic fibrosis has steadily grown, with approximately 900 new cases of the disease diagnosed each year; and

Whereas, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation held its annual Great Strides Walk on April 26, 2019 at Indian RiverSide Park in Jensen Beach. Each year, this event brings together families, friends and co-workers to raise money for research and to find a cure for this life-threatening, genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system.

Presented this Seventh Day of May 2019

SARAH HEARD, COMMISSIONER