

Proclamation



E. Thelma Waters Day January 28, 2023

WHEREAS, E. Thelma Waters moved into Indiantown in 1941 and was a signatory of the 2017 Articles of Incorporation for the Village of Indiantown; and

WHEREAS, E. Thelma Waters was a tireless advocate for women, children, migrant laborers and her hometown of Indiantown and has a decades-long record of caring and advocacy for others in the Indiantown community; and

WHEREAS, E. Thelma Waters was a leading force for civil rights, suitable migrant worker housing, medical care, early childhood education, quality daycare, access to a voting precinct, political representation and has served on Indiantown Non-Profit Housing Board of Directors, Hope Rural School Board of Directors, Indiantown's Neighborhood Advisory Council, Martin County Board of County Commissioners Indiantown Task Force and numerous other Committees, Boards, Task Forces and organizations active in the Indiantown community; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Women's Hall of Fame was created by Florida Statute in 1982 to honor women who, through their lives and efforts, made significant contributions to the improvement of life for women and all Florida citizens. They are pioneers who have broken down barriers, created new opportunities and championed issues to better Florida and its people; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Commission on the Status of Women determined that E. Thelma Waters exemplifies women's contributions to Florida life and chose her as one of the top ten finalists for the 2020 Florida Women's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida, chose to recognize the life work of E. Thelma Waters by selecting her as one of the three inductees to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame for 2020 and she will be inducted into the Hall on January 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2021, the Village Council adopted Resolution No. 002-2021, designating into perpetuity January 28th as E. Thelma Waters Day in the Village of Indiantown.

NOW THEREFORE I, Susan Gibbs Thomas, Mayor of the Village of Indiantown, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2023, as E. Thelma Waters Day in the Village of Indiantown, Florida, and encourage all residents to join me and the Village Council in recognition and celebration of her work and positive impact in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Indiantown, Florida to be affixed this 26th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

Daren Hamberger
Deputy Village Clerk

Susan Gibbs Thomas
Mayor