

# PROCLAMATION

## FROM THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**Whereas**, more than 600,000 men and women leave American prisons every year, more than 11 million people annually cycle through our nations jails, national recidivism rates top 50% and thousands of adults and juveniles return from incarceration to Palm Beach County each year, and;

**Whereas**, it costs \$18,000 per year to house an adult inmate at the state level, \$48,910 per year at the local level and \$50,000 per year to house a juvenile and;

**Whereas**, the work that has been done by the County's Reentry Task Force and the Riviera Beach Reentry Center, plays an integral role in the county's collaborative efforts that has made Palm Beach County a national leader in Reentry Services and;

**Whereas**, the citizens returning to Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County have benefited from the important work of the community partners, who have cut recidivism rates in half, and provided returning citizens unprecedented access to job training, healthcare, housing, case management and have put thousands of individuals on a path to productive successful lives, and;

**Whereas**, the demand for reentry services remains high and the investments we make today will pay dividends for returning citizens and for public safety in Riviera Beach;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Thomas Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, hereby proclaim April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as:

## REENTRY WEEK

in Riviera Beach, and implore all citizens to be aware that encouraging the restoration and reintegration of persons who have paid their debt to society ultimately makes communities safer and saves taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and collateral costs of incarceration.

**In Witness Whereof**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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Thomas Masters, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Claudene L. Anthony, CMC, City Clerk