



PROCLAMATION

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS REENTRY MONTH

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 public safety in Riviera Beach.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronnie L. Felder, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach in Palm Beach County, by the power vested in me by the residents of Riviera Beach, do hereby proclaim

THE MONTH OF APRIL AS "REENTRY MONTH"

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 have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this _____ day of April, Two thousand Twenty-One, A.D.

Ronnie L. Felder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Claudene L. Anthony, CMC, City Clerk