RESOLUTION NO. 26-R70

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, **APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, ACTING THROUGH ITS FORT PIERCE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, TO ESTABLISH A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP, PROVIDE STUDENT MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES AT THE TREASURE COAST PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING COMPLEX**; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Indian River State College ("IRSC") is a public body corporate of the State of Florida that operates the Indian River State College Criminal Justice Institute and the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex in support of public safety and law enforcement education and training; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Pierce, a Florida municipal corporation, acting through its Fort Pierce Police Department ("FPPD"), desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") with IRSC to foster a cooperative and collaborative relationship in the field of public safety, to support the educational and training efforts of the IRSC Criminal Justice Institute, and to provide mentorship opportunities for IRSC students; and

WHEREAS, under the MOU, IRSC agrees to provide, at zero ($0) cost, designated office facilities for FPPD at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex, located at 4600 Kirby Loop Road, including continual occupancy of Rooms 102 and 103 within the Emergency Operations Center and periodic use of the Emergency Operations Center for division meetings and training events; and

WHEREAS, under the MOU, FPPD agrees to house and maintain its designated training unit and recruitment team at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex; to provide recruitment support to prospective applicants; to coordinate with the IRSC Criminal Justice Institute and Academy in support of recruitment and training; to provide training support and qualified personnel to the Academy as resources permit; to provide mentorship and professional guidance to students and recruits; and to participate in mutually beneficial public safety, recruitment, training, and community outreach initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the MOU provides that each party shall maintain such insurance as it deems appropriate for its respective activities, subject to and without waiver of the limitations and protections of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and that nothing in the MOU shall be construed as a waiver of either party's sovereign immunity, with each party remaining responsible for the acts and omissions of its own officers, employees, and agents to the extent provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the MOU shall become effective upon execution by both parties and remain in full force and effect for a period of two (2) years unless terminated by either party upon sixty (60) calendar days' written notice; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the MOU as to form and legal sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that approval of the MOU serves a valid public purpose and is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated as the findings of the City.

SECTION 2. The City hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fort Pierce, acting through its Fort Pierce Police Department, and the Board of Trustees of Indian River State College, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and authorizes the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City.

SECTION 3. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. All resolutions or parts of a resolution in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable. If any part of this Resolution is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted on this 9th day of November, 2026.

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Linda Hudson, Mayor Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Linda Cox, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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Camille Wallace, Interim City Attorney