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JAY HART RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

Vero Beach, FL.....Following many years of volunteer service, Jay Hart was recognized as an outgoing Director at the September meeting of the Indian River County Chamber Board of Directors.

From 1998 through 2016, Mr. Hart served in a variety of volunteer capacities with the Chamber. He was elected three times to serve on the board and during his years of service to the Chamber he served in every leadership capacity and volunteered for countless task forces and committees. Hart was elected by his peers as Chairman of the Chamber Board of Directors in both 2002 and 2003.

Current Chairman of the Board Jeff Schlitt, Schlitt Services recognized Hart and stated that "Our Board of Directors thanks Jay Hart for his capable leadership and countless hours of volunteer service to the Chamber."

Hart volunteered in every facet of the Chamber's efforts. Among his first volunteer experiences was on a 1998 team that raised over \$50,000 in private sector funds for economic development. Hart was a regular attendee of the annual Florida's Research Coast Legislative Conference in Tallahassee and served on the Chamber's Government Issues Committee several times. He served as chairman, or as a committee member, on the Chamber's Industrial Parks Committee, a variety of fundraising committees and most recently was chairman of the Chamber's annual golf classic and served as

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chairman of the Economic Leadership Alliance. His leadership involvement also included nominating and executive committees, strategic planning, and facility task forces.

In 2007, Hart was named co-chairman of a capital campaign that raised over 1.5 million dollars to construct a new Indian River County Chamber of Commerce building on 21st Street in downtown Vero Beach. That building opened in 2009.

Schlitt added “Jay’s leadership has been a positive influence on today’s business community. We appreciate his many years of service and professionalism working on the behalf of our Board and our members.”

Hart reflected on his involvement with Indian River County Chamber and said “I have always believed in what the Chamber stood for and the good work the organization does on behalf of hundreds of Vero Beach and Indian River County businesses. I wanted to be part of that progress and have enjoyed every area of involvement with the Chamber during the last 18 years.”

The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce is a county-wide organization representing the Vero Beach and Indian River County business community by providing services, benefits and leadership for positive growth and change.

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