

## SPACE COAST DAY PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, on July 24, 1950, at 9:28a.m., a small group of scientists, engineers, and technicians accelerated America into the space age by successfully launching a modified V-2 rocket, Bumper 8, from the sands of Cape Canaveral; and

**Whereas**, today, 75 years after that historic event, thousands of launches have been conducted by military, NASA, and private contractors for national security, or scientific or commercial purposes; and

**Whereas**, the missile program led to the deployment of such missions as America's first satellite, *Explorer I*, orbiting the Earth in 1958, Alan Shepard riding the first manned Mercury capsule in 1961, John Glenn orbiting the Earth in 1962, and Apollo 11 landing on the moon in 1969. Further ventures include probes traveling to other planets and journeying outside of our solar system, the Space Shuttle and an overwhelmingly successful manned space program, and a permanent human presence in space aboard the International Space Station; and

**Whereas**, many of these launches began their journey from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station; and

**Whereas**, the use of space has had an immense impact on the world, from wireless capabilities to weather prediction, from medical advancements to global navigation, and beyond; and

**Whereas**, currently, inactive launch complexes are being rejuvenated for a new generation of launch vehicles to support space exploration and the increased commercial application of space; and

**Whereas**, the launch of Bumper 8 had national implications as it set the stage for the development of the World's Premier Gateway to Space;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**, does hereby proclaim July 24, 2025, as

## SPACE COAST DAY

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED**, in regular session this 8th day of July, A.D., 2025.

Attest:

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*Rachel Sadoff, Clerk*

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*Rob Feltner, Chairman*  
*Board of County Commissioner*  
Brevard County, Florida