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International Coastal Clean-Up

Last year more than 2,000 volunteers from throughout Martin County took part in the International Coastal Cleanup. This year, the event, sponsored by Keep Martin Beautiful, is seeking volunteers of all ages to join in the initiative. Families, businesses, civic and school groups dedicated more than 3,200 hours to collect more than 24,000 pounds of litter and marine debris from our beaches and coasts. According to the Ocean Conservancy, last year, the clean-up cleared enough food packaging (940,277 pieces) to get takeout for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day for the next 858 years, enough light bulbs (24,384 bulbs) to replace every light on the Eiffel Tower, and over the past 26 years of cleanups, global volunteers have found 55 million cigarette butts (of which probably 30 million came from Hobe Sound Beach). Volunteers can join the effort at Stuart Beach from 8 am to noon on Saturday, Sept. 15, or can pre-register a group for a location of their choice. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register for a cleanup site with Keep Martin Beautiful to ensure areas most in need are targeted. Call or email KMB at (772) 781-1222 or info@keepmartinbeautiful.org to register your family, business, civic or school group.