



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, as a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

WHEREAS, civility, derived from the Latin words "civitas" meaning city and "civis" meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

WHEREAS, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

WHEREAS, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

WHEREAS, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

WHEREAS, the City, County, and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that the month of May 2011, shall be known, designated and set aside as

Civility Month

in Manatee County, Florida, and calls upon all citizens to exercise civility toward each other.

ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting this 24th day of May 2011.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

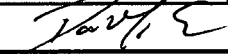
Carol Whitmore, Chairman

ATTEST: *R. B. "Chips" Shore*
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: _____

Susana P. Romane
Deputy Clerk

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT	Civility Month	AGENDA ITEM	Proclamations
DATE REQUESTED	May 24, 2011	DATE SUBMITTED/REVISED	May 17, 2011
BRIEFINGS? Who?	None	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	Event will pass without observance
DEPARTMENT DIVISION	County Administrator's Office	AUTHORIZED BY TITLE	Ed Hunzeker County Administrator
CONTACT PERSON PHONE/EXTENSION	Marianne Lopata 3724	PRESENTER TITLE PHONE/EXTENSION	Board of County Commissioners 3700
ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL			

ACTION REQUESTED

- Adopt proclamation designating May 2011, as "Civility Month" in Manatee County, Florida.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Federal/State law(s), administrative ruling(s), Manatee County Comp Plan/Land Development Code, ordinances, resolutions, policy

Board of County Commissioners adopt proclamations.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW

Check appropriate box	
<input type="checkbox"/>	REVIEWED Written Comments (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Available from Attorney (Attorney's initials:)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT REVIEWED (No apparent legal issues.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	NOT REVIEWED (Utilizes exact form or procedure previously approved by CAO.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER (Explain):

ATTACHMENTS: (List in order as attached)	INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARD RECORDS:
1) Proclamation	
COST:	SOURCE (ACCT # & NAME):
COMMENTS:	AMT./FREQ. OF RECURRING COSTS:

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

- This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Vivien Monaco, Chair, and attorneys of the City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar.

APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION

MAY 24 2011

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