

Manatee County Government Administrative Center  
First Floor, Commissioner Chambers  
9:00 a.m. - January 29, 2013

January 29, 2013 Regular Meeting  
Agenda Item #9

Subject

H. Hamilton "Chip" Rice, Jr. Day

APPROVED In Open Session Manatee County Board of County Commissioners
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Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, Ext 3750

Action Requested

Motion for the Board to adopt the proclamation to designate January 29, 2013 as H. Hamilton "Chip" Rice, Jr. Day in Manatee County.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Background Discussion

Proclamation to honor H. Hamilton "Chip" Rice, Jr.

County Attorney Review

Other (Requires explanation in field below)

Explanation of Other

County Attorney Item

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Please return signed copy to Nicolette Coetzee, ext 3750

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

n/a

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

n/a

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Attachment: [Chip Rice Day.pdf](#)



## ***Proclamation***

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**WHEREAS**, in 2012, The City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar recognized Chip Rice, not only with another award, but with the H. Hamilton "Chip" Rice Award established in his name and to be presented annually to the section's strongest advocates for mentoring and education of future local government lawyers; and

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in Manatee County, Florida.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Bustle, Chairman

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

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