



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

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WHEREAS, adherence to medication regimens as prescribed by physicians, dentists, and other health care professionals, and as reviewed by pharmacists, is critical to the success of those regimens in improving patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, medication non-adherence is a major problem in the United States, with studies estimating that patients with chronic conditions adhere only to 50-60 percent of medications as prescribed; and

WHEREAS, medication non-adherence is a major cause of morbidity, mortality, and increased healthcare costs in the United States, with approximately 125,000 yearly deaths and estimated annual costs of \$100-300 billion attributable to medication non-adherence; and

WHEREAS, pharmacy and medical students at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) Bradenton campus, as part of their commitment to promoting public health, are participating in the Script Your Future Medication Adherence Team Challenge with the goal of promoting the importance of medication adherence; and

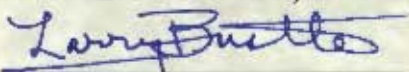
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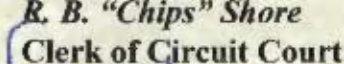
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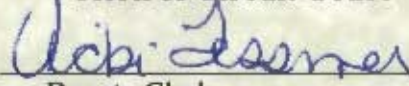
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ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting this 26th day of February 2013.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: 
Larry Bustle, Chairman

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

By: 
Deputy Clerk



REVISED February 26, 2013, Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #5

Subject

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

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Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

Attachment: [LECOM Proclamation.pdf](#)

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