



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, National Safe Place Week brings public awareness to the Safe Place program that has helped more than 285,000 young people in crisis since the program was developed in 1983, and is an opportunity to recognize more than 19,000 businesses and thousands of volunteers nationally who give their time, resources, and energy to make our country a safer place for young people; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, more than seven million youth have been reached through National Safe Place's Building a Safety Net for Youth campaign, familiarizing them with the Safe Place sign and providing them with information about how to seek help in order to stay safe; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Place program, operated by Family Resources, began in Manatee County more than 12 years ago and has served as many as 200 young people each year, providing a safe haven from various negative influences, such as child abuse, substance abuse, depression, and crime; and

WHEREAS, the success of Safe Place is based on public/private collaborations between businesses, school systems, fire departments, law enforcement, and a network of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Place program is committed to protecting the young people of Manatee County with designated locations where they can get information and immediate care at businesses and community buildings such as fire stations, libraries, and community centers, and by offering short-term housing at neighborhood locations where trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise young people seeking assistance and guidance; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Place program must meet performance standards, relative to outreach and community relations, to receive direct federal assistance as set forth in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, increased awareness will encourage more communities to establish Safe Place locations where young people can readily access the help they need; and

WHEREAS, this year, Safe Place will celebrate 30 years of helping young people in crisis and strengthening the national safety net for youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that the week of March 17 - 23, 2013, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida, and that the Board calls upon the people of Manatee County, and interested groups, to promote awareness of, and volunteer involvement in, the Safe Place program, and to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting this 12th day of March 2013.



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

By: Larry Bustle
Larry Bustle, Chairman

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

By: Clara Jessner
Deputy Clerk

March 12, 2013 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #7

Subject

National Safe Place Week

Briefings

None

APPROVED In Open Session
Manatee County Board of County Commissioners

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating the week of March 17-23, 2013, as National Safe Place Week in Manatee County, Florida.

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: [Safe Place Week - 03.12.12.pdf](#)



RE: 2013 National Safe Place Week
DeEtt Bailey to: diane.vollmer@mymanatee.org
Cc: "michael.gallen@mymanatee.org"

03/12/2013 12:26 AM

Hello Diane and Commissioner Gallen

I regret that I will not be able to make it to the meeting to accept the proclamation in person tomorrow morning. I plan to come by to pick it up later in the week if possible. I have had to take this week off for personal reasons. I was planning on still attending but after taking a closer look at the agenda I will not be able to be there at the time designated for the presentation. Feel free to remove it from the agenda as we will not be represented at the meeting.

If I were there this is what I was prepared to say:

On behalf of Family Resources I would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners for continuing to support our efforts to serve the most vulnerable youth of Manatee County and their families.

The issues facing today's youth do not discriminate, they are in fact present throughout all of Manatee County. The Safe Place Program stretches as far west as Anna Maria Island, as far east as Myakka City, as far North as Palmetto and as far South as Sarasota. Still there are members of our community that are not aware of the services we provide.

Our hope is that through recognition such as this proclamation, our efforts to educate the public about the issues facing our youth and the help we can provide them will continue. Thank you again for your time and for recognizing National Safe Place Week. More importantly, thank you for recognizing Family Resources for the support we provide homeless, runaway, truant and in crisis youth and their families.

DeEtt M. Bailey, M.S.W.

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The attached Proclamation will be presented at the BCC meeting of March 12,

2013, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers on the first floor of the County Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, in downtown Bradenton. Please let me know if someone will be attending to accept the Proclamation, and if you need any additional information.

Thank you,
Diane

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Diane, can you prepare this and submit to the Chair for authorization to proceed? Maybe you can let him see the letter from DeEtt Bailey. Let Commissioner Gallen know, too.

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From: Michael Gallen/MCG
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This should help. Let me know.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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