



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties provide a variety of essential services to communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County takes pride in its responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of our residents in responsible, cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, county governments are often the entity providing both direct and indirect services to enhance the lives of residents and are responsible for maintaining public safety and the efficient use of local tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, currently more than 13 million individuals are booked into county jails each year and more than 700,000 individuals are booked into state and federal prisons; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages counties to promote effective community corrections programs across the country through the 2012-13 "smart justice" initiative; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties everywhere to promote programs and services to the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County in April will promote a host of safety-related initiatives offered at the local level, including an April 24 safety showcase on the lawn of the Historic Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County has been awarded first place recognition for two years in a row for its national county government month activities.

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

COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 23rd day of April 2013.

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

By:

Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

By:

Deputy Clerk



April 23, 2013 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #4

Subject

County Government Month

Briefings

Briefing Provided Upon Request

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Contact: Information Outreach Coordinator Nick Azzara, ext. 3771

Presenter: Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED in Open Session
April 23, 2013
Manatee County Board of County
Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of Proclamation designating April 2013 as County Government Month in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None.

Background Discussion

Manatee County is highlighting one month's worth of public safety and wellness tips throughout April, Smart Justice Month, as part of the National Association of Counties' annual County Government Month.

Manatee's myriad public safety-related and wellness programs are highlighted on the county's website throughout this month. The County will also host an April 24 Smart Justice showcase on the front lawn of Manatee County Historic Courthouse. From noon until 4 p.m., Manatee County Government departments, the Clerk of the Circuit Courts Office and Manatee County Health Department will set up displays highlighting their contributions to a safer community.

For the past two years, the National Association of Counties has recognized Manatee County's efforts with first place finishes for our efforts in NACO's annual County Government Month festivities.

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

none

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

none

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