



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, the Guardian Ad Litem Program is a national effort represented in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County has had an active Guardian Ad Litem Program in effect since 1982 and is mandated to be appointed by the Court to every child abuse, neglect, or abandonment case; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer Guardian Ad Litem is sworn and appointed to represent the best interests of the abused, neglected, or abandoned child; and

WHEREAS, the 200 Manatee County Guardian Ad Litem volunteers provide thousands of hours of community service annually – interviewing, report writing, speaking in court, monitoring the progress of the case – benefiting the community as a whole and the abused, neglected, or abandoned child in particular; and it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of the Guardian Ad Litem Program volunteers in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

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

GUARDIAN AD LITEM VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION 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

Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

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

By: _____

Debi Jessner

Deputy Clerk



April 23, 2013 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #5

Subject

Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer Recognition Month

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

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 Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer Recognition Month in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

Proclamation requested by Pam Hindman, 12th Circuit Director, Guardian ad Litem Program. To be accepted by Pam Hindman and Manny Hernandez, Manatee Team Leader.

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

Manatee County Government Administrative Center
Commission Chambers, First Floor
9:00 a.m. - April 23, 2013

Attachment: [Guardian Ad Litem Proclamation - 04.23.13.pdf](#)