



## ***Proclamation***

Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida

**WHEREAS**, the beautiful coastal and inland beaches of Manatee County represent a world renowned recreational resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents and visitors of Manatee County alike are drawn to these beaches by the millions each year for water and beach activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the aquatic environment has dangers that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards; and

**WHEREAS**, for reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with the aquatic environment are appropriate at the commencement of the busy summer beach season; and

**WHEREAS**, rip currents can occur at any surf beach with breaking waves and are the leading surf hazard for all beachgoers; and

**WHEREAS**, rip currents are often difficult to spot and are particularly dangerous for weak or non-swimmers, but can sweep even the strongest out to sea; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents and visitors of Manatee County alike must remember to Never Swim Alone, Always Swim Near a Lifeguard, Never Drink Alcohol Before Swimming, Respect the Power of the Surf, Learn to Swim, and know the current conditions before you enter the water.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that June 2-8, 2013, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

### ***NATIONAL BEACH SAFETY AND RIP CURRENT AWARENESS WEEK***

in Manatee County, Florida, and urge all residents using our beaches to enjoy themselves at the beach this year, while taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their children.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2013.

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

By:

Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

By:

Deputy Clerk



REVISED May 21, 2013 - Regular Meeting  
Agenda Item #8

May 21, 2013

**APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MANATEE COUNTY**

Subject

National Beach Safety and Rip Current Awareness Week

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Contact: Ronald J. Koper, Jr., Interim Director; Phone: ext 3511

Presenter: Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Motion to adopt Proclamation designating June 2-8, 2013, as "National Beach Safety Week and Rip Current Awareness Week" in Manatee County.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Conforms with Section 2, pages 1-11 of the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan: Protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Background Discussion

Proclaimed nationwide, National Beach Safety Week and Rip Current Awareness Week, for reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with aquatic environment.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Please forward copy of signed Proclamation to the Department of Public Safety

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

n/a

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

n/a

Manatee County Government Administrative Center  
Commission Chambers, First Floor  
9:00 a.m. - May 21, 2013

Attachment: [Beach Safety Week - 05.21.13.pdf](#)