



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, there are large numbers of men, women, and children in our community who are homeless for many reasons, including disability or illness, unemployment, poverty, and/or a lack of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the community has formulated and implemented collective efforts to reach out to these neighbors who are most in need, by providing food, clothing, shelter, and opportunity to move from their current situation; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the community is to expand such services through multiple agencies and organizations such as The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, The Salvation Army, Manatee Glens, Turning Points, churches, foundations, and government entities, to create awareness and to bring a strategic plan to prevent and address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, for many years the faith community, both city and county government, and numerous agencies have united in compassion, for the purpose of holding a vigil on the longest night of the year to remember and honor the homeless men and women who have died on our streets during the past year.

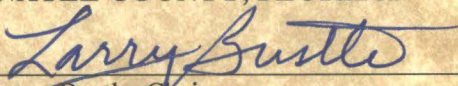
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that December 23, 2013, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

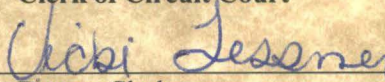
in Manatee County, Florida, and call upon all citizens to join together in this season of generosity and sharing to help those living in our community without a place to call home.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 17th day of December 2013.

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

By: 
Larry Bustle, Chairman

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

By: 
Deputy Clerk



December 17, 2013 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #4

**ADOPTED in Open Session 12/17/13,
Manatee Board of County Commissioners**

Subject

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating December 23, 2013, as "Homeless Persons' Memorial Day" in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

This proclamation was requested by Melanie Teves Bell, Manatee Glens.

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: [Homeless Persons Memorial Day - 12.17.13.pdf](#)