



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, Manatee County is known for being the first location in North America where Hernando De Soto's expedition disembarked; and

WHEREAS, in 1938, the U.S. Government-appointed Swanton Commission determined De Soto's expedition arrived on the shores of the mouth of the Manatee River at Shaw's Point on May 30, 1539; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County has been home to the Hernando De Soto Historical Society since 1939; and

WHEREAS, over the course of these 78 years, the Society has brought together a remarkable collection of committed volunteer members who represent a diverse cross-section of our community, and these members have given hundreds of hours each year to provide the heritage festival and to educate the community about this historic event; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the Hernando De Soto Historical Society and the Conquistador Historical Foundation, significant funds have been and are being raised and redistributed into the community to help other local organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 9, 2017, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

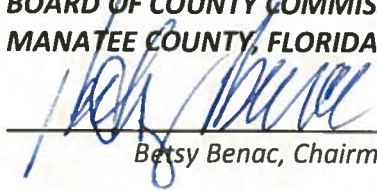
HERNANDO DE SOTO DAY

in Manatee County, Florida.

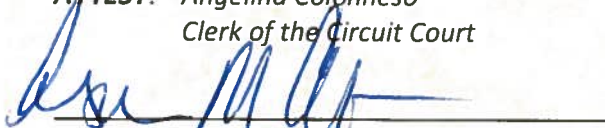
ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 9th day of May 2017.



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


Betsy Benac, Chairman

ATTEST: Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court



May 9, 2017 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #7

Approved in Open Session 5/9/17,
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners

Subject

Hernando DeSoto Day - May 9, 2017

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating May 9, 2017, as "Hernando De Soto Day" in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

In 1938, it was determined that De Soto's expedition arrived on the shores of the mouth of the Manatee River at Shaw's Point on May 30, 1539.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

None.

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

Attachment: [Hernando de Soto Day Proclamation.pdf](#)

Manatee County Government Administrative Center
Commission Chambers, First Floor
9:00 a.m. - May 9, 2017