



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, several community agencies work independently and collaboratively in efforts to provide support, referrals, and continuum of care for victims of crime and their families in Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, advocates within those agencies serve a vital role in offering support services to these victims; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, Manatee County Sheriff's Office advocates provided services in response to cases dealing with elder abuse, physical assault, and robberies, and responded to DUI crashes and hit and runs; and

WHEREAS, Manatee Children Services' advocates engaged in a staggering number of child abuse cases; and

WHEREAS, Centerstone Sexual Assault Services, one of the state's 31 certified sexual assault centers, provided services to victims ranging from children to adults, and answered hundreds of calls to the 24-hour helpline from victims and community agencies; and

WHEREAS, advocates from HOPE Family Services provided assistance with numerous cases and provided families with shelter; and

WHEREAS, the State Attorney's advocate provided services to victims, ranging from children to adults, going through the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2018, an Advocate Appreciation Ceremony will take place to give the community an opportunity to show its appreciation to these Victim Advocates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that February 22, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

VICTIM ADVOCATES APPRECIATION DAY

in Manatee County, Florida, and that the Board recognizes the service these advocates provide to victims of crime.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 13th day of February 2018.



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

Priscilla Trace

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese*
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Robin Roth, DC

February 13, 2018 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #8

Subject

Victim Advocates Appreciation Day - February 22, 2018

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating February 22, 2018, as "Victim Advocates Appreciation Day" in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

Several community agencies work independently and collaboratively in efforts to provide support, referrals, and continuum of care for victims of crime and their families. Advocates within those agencies serve a vital role in offering support services to these victims.

On February 22, 2018, an Advocate Appreciation Ceremony will be held at the Manatee Community Foundation. This ceremony will be a reflection of the Manatee County agencies that encompass advocacy programs, and will provide e an opportunity for the community to show appreciation to the Victim Advocates of Manatee County.

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

Manatee County Government Administrative Center
First Floor, Commission Chambers
9:00 a.m. - February 13, 2018

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

Attachment: [Victim Advocates Appreciation Proclamation.pdf](#)