



## **Proclamation**

*Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida*

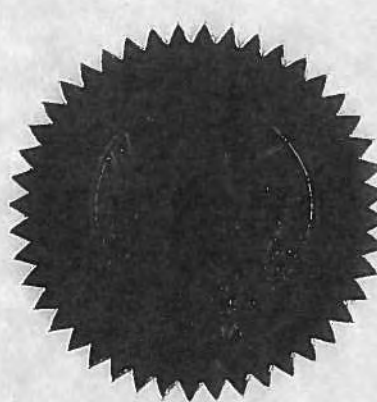
- WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment & Economic Opportunity Department provides leadership and excellence to enhance entrepreneurship through public-private partnerships, outreach initiatives and conferences, customized business scoping services, and connections to entrepreneurship training; and
- WHEREAS**, entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship are vital components to quality of life and business in Manatee County. Entrepreneurs are responsible for starting and growing businesses that produce value in the market place; and
- WHEREAS**, entrepreneurship promotes innovation and is an essential part of a nation's ability to succeed in an ever changing and increasingly competitive global marketplace; and
- WHEREAS**, entrepreneurs establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and
- WHEREAS**, new businesses account for nearly all net new job creation and almost 20 percent of gross job creation according to the Kauffman Foundation; and
- WHEREAS**, entrepreneurs provide employment opportunities, preserve cultural identities of communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and
- WHEREAS**, in recognition of entrepreneurship week, the Spark Growth Leadership Conference – "Today's Decisions. Tomorrow's Future." – will be held on February 20, 2018, at the Manatee Performing Arts Center to show support of the pioneers, builders, and start-ups of Manatee County.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that February 19-25, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK**

in Manatee County, Florida, commending the work of all entrepreneurs in Manatee County and recognizing the importance of creating job opportunities and improving quality of life.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Nath, Jr.*

February 13, 2018 - Regular Meeting  
Agenda Item #11

Approved in Open Session 2/13/18,  
Manatee County  
Board of County Commissioners

Subject

Entrepreneurship Week - February 19-25, 2018

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating February 19-25, 2018, as "Entrepreneurship Week" in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

F.S. 288.106 Tax refund program for qualified target industry businesses.

Background Discussion

February 19-25, 2018, marks Entrepreneurship Week. Entrepreneurs are the people that start and grow businesses that produce value in the market place.

Staff has prepared the attached Proclamation to acknowledge Entrepreneurship Week in Manatee County.

Sara Hand from Station 2 Innovation will accept the Proclamation.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Copy to Karen Stewart, Redevelopment & Economic Opportunity Department  
([karen.stewart@mymanatee.org](mailto:karen.stewart@mymanatee.org)). Distributed 2/14/18, RT

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

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

Attachment: [Entrepreneurship Week Proclamation.pdf](#)