



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, parental education and literacy level is one of the most impacting influences for children under 3 years of age; and

WHEREAS, low-income children are exposed to 30 million fewer words than their higher-income peers before age 3; and

WHEREAS, parents and early childhood professionals play a critical role in the development of a child's early literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, positive early language and literacy development can give children a window to the world, helping to ensure that each child meets their potential; and

WHEREAS, the most successful way to improve the reading achievement of low-income children is to increase their access to print; and

WHEREAS, children's academic successes at the ages of 9 and 10 can be attributed to the amount of "talk" they hear from birth through age 2; and

WHEREAS, by the age of 2, children who have been read to regularly display greater language comprehension, larger vocabularies, and higher cognitive skills than their peers; and

WHEREAS, the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, the Tampa Bay Rays, and Bradenton Kiwanis have partnered with the community to read to 3,200 Manatee County preschool children and give them a book.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 23-27, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

EVERY CHILD A READER WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida, and the Board calls on all citizens to assure that every child has a reading experience during that week.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 24th day of April 2018.



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

Priscilla Trace

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese*
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Angelina Colonnese

4/24/18

April 24, 2018 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #10

Subject

Every Child a Reader Week - April 23-27, 2018

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating April 23-27, 2018, as "Every Child a Reader Week" in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

Parents and early childhood professionals play a critical role in the development of a child's early literacy skills. Positive early language and literacy development can give children a window to the world, helping to ensure that each child meets their potential.

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

Manatee County Government Administrative Center
First Floor, Commission Chambers
9:00 a.m. - April 24, 2018

Attachment: [Every Child A Reader Week Proclamation.pdf](#)



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