



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, Autism is a developmental condition that affects communication, behavior, and social interaction, sensory sensitivities and impacts individuals and families across our communities; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness and understanding of Autism promotes acceptance, inclusion, safety and support for those on the spectrum; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with Autism contribute unique talents, perspectives, and abilities that enrich our society and the community including schools and work place; and

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis, intervention, and access to services can greatly improve outcomes and quality of life for individuals and their families living with Autism. it is important to foster a community that embraces neurodiversity and ensures equal opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim the month of April as Autism Awareness Month and encourage all people to learn more, show support, and promote inclusion in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 2026, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Tal Siddique

Tal Siddique, Chairperson



April 21, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Autism Awareness Month

Category

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of Proclamation designating April 2026, as "Autism Awareness Month."

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None

Background Discussion

Easterseals SouthWest Florida Chief Executive Officer Tom Waters and client. Easter Seals serves Manatee County.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

None

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A