



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 29th anniversary of the Manatee County Treatment Court. What began as a stand-alone Drug Court now included a Veterans Treatment Court, and a Healthcare Court, providing opportunity to more of the residents of Manatee County.

WHEREAS, since 1997 the Manatee County Treatment Court has more than 1700 graduates who demonstrate that the Manatee County Treatment Court, with its 81 percent success rate, has significantly improved substance abuse treatment outcomes, and reduced drug abuse and related crime; and

WHEREAS, the Treatment Court has reduced drug abuse and related crime, and has done so with less expense than any other justice strategy, fewer than 20 percent of Manatee County Treatment Court graduates recidivate and there have been 85 drug free babies born during this time; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Court movement has grown from the original 12 courts in 1994 to a national organization of 3,057 operational drug courts and 3,882 problem solving courts as of December 2020, and

WHEREAS, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, is designated as the day Manatee County Treatment Court celebrates National Drug Court Month and the promise of recovery and restored hope to Treatment Court graduates and their families.

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

**NATIONAL DRUG COURT AND
OPIOID AND STIMULANT USE DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH**
in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Tal Siddique

Tal Siddique, Chairperson



May 5, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

National Drug Court and Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorder Awareness Month

Category

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of Proclamation designating May 2026, as "National Drug Court and Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorder Awareness Month."

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None

Background Discussion

The Manatee County Treatment Court has been operational since 1997 and provides opportunities for people in the criminal justice system to receive treatment and restore their lives to become productive citizens.

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