



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, small businesses are a cornerstone of Manatee County's economy, creating jobs, driving innovation, and contributing to the unique character of our communities; and

WHEREAS, small businesses play a vital role in strengthening the economic vitality and resilience of Manatee County by supporting local families, generating revenue, and fostering entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and perseverance of small business owners and their employees help sustain a diverse and thriving business environment throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, small businesses enhance the quality of life in Manatee County by providing essential goods and services, supporting local initiatives, and investing in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Manatee Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Manatee County Government, plays an important role in supporting, advocating for, and promoting small businesses across the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 3-9, 2026, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK IN MANATEE COUNTY

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

Small Business Week in Manatee County - No Presentation Scheduled

Category

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of Proclamation designating May 3-9, 2026, as "Small Business Week in Manatee County."

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None

Background Discussion

The Manatee Chamber represents our business community with strong, informed advocacy. Our members count on the Chamber to be their voice with local, state, and national policymakers. They also count on us for diligent, thorough research of issues that impact local businesses.

The Manatee Chamber offers valuable networking and marketing opportunities that connect our members with each other and with future clients. We also offer enlightening educational programs, which provide professional training and development offered by subject matter experts.

About National Small Business Week

For more than 60 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated National Small Business Week (NSBW), which acknowledges the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. National Small Business Week 2026 will take place May 3-9, and SBA will officially recognize their hard work, ingenuity, dedication, and contributions to the economy.

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