



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, STOP THE BLEED® is a national public health campaign, launched at a White House Ceremony in 2015; and

WHEREAS, its goal is to save lives by training people across the country how to stop traumatic bleeding; and

WHEREAS, excessive bleeding is the leading cause of death for those under the age of 40; and

WHEREAS, the campaign is a public/private partnership led by the US Department of Defense and supported by a number of organizations including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Stop the Bleed Coalition, the American Red Cross, The American College of Surgeons, the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the American Heart Association.

WHEREAS, the campaign is based on the lessons the Department of Defense learned in Afghanistan and Iraq on the best ways to treat traumatic injuries involving severe blood loss; and

WHEREAS, each year the 4th Thursday of May has been proclaimed STOP THE BLEED® Day by the campaign to engage the public to learn more about how to become empowered to save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 21, 2026, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

NATIONAL STOP THE BLEED DAY

in Manatee County, Florida, and encourage all citizens to participate in the STOP THE BLEED® campaign by learning how to stop traumatic bleeding.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Tal Siddique

Tal Siddique, Chairperson



May 19, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

National Stop the Bleed Day

Category

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of Proclamation designating May 21, 2026, as "National Stop the Bleed Day."

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None

Background Discussion

HCA Florida Blake Hospital is an acute care hospital and Level II Trauma Center dedicated to providing high-quality, compassionate care to the communities it serves. As a leader in emergency and trauma services, the hospital plays a critical role in lifesaving interventions, including rapid response to severe bleeding emergencies. Through community outreach, education, and partnerships, HCA Florida Blake Hospital actively supports initiatives like Stop the Bleed to empower the public with the skills and confidence to act in emergency situations and help save lives. Over the last three years the hospital has trained over 3000 community members and provided over 200 bleeding control kits.

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