



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

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WHEREAS, Veterans may face unique challenges associated with military service, transition to civilian life, trauma, isolation, and other circumstances that make suicide prevention and education so important. Early intervention and access to supportive resources are important

WHEREAS, Suicide does not discriminate, and prevention efforts must also recognize and support non- veterans of every age and background who may experience mental health challenges, crisis, hopelessness, or suicidal thoughts.

WHEREAS, Fire Watch works to unite communities in the mission of preventing veteran suicide through education, awareness, connection and training The training is to help individuals recognize warning signs and help connect veterans.

WHEREAS, September is recognized nationally as suicide prevention month. Now, therefore be it proclaimed that September 21st, 2026 be recognized as Fire Watch Suicide Awareness Day

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that September 22, 2026, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

STAND AGAINST VETERAN SUICIDE DAY

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this Tuesday, September 22, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Tal Siddique

Tal Siddique, Chairperson



September 22, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Stand Against Veteran Suicide Day

Category

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of Proclamation designating September 22, 2026, as "Stand Against Veteran Suicide Day."

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None

Background Discussion

Fire Watch is a organization that educates veterans and families how to help individuals.

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



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