Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, This November, Manatee County recognizes Florida's 4.3 million family caregivers who help parents, spouses, neighbors, friends, and loved ones live independently at home and in their communities, often avoiding more costly institutional care.

WHEREAS, Florida's family caregivers are among 63 million Americans recognized during National Family Caregivers Month. They provide billions of hours of unpaid care yearly, contributing unpaid support strengthening families and communities while saving taxpayers billions of dollars.

WHEREAS, Family caregivers face significant physical challenges to provide meals, bathing, medications, transportation, and medical tasks with little training. They spend over $7,200 annually out of pocket, balancing caregiving, work, family obligations, debt, and personal savings.

WHEREAS, Family caregivers deserve gratitude and practical support that saves time and money. In Manatee County, we support family caregivers through local county-managed programs, respite care, and regional partnerships that offer relief, resource navigation, and in-home assistance.

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

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida. All residents are encouraged to recognize and support family caregivers in our communities.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Tal Siddique

Tal Siddique, Chairperson

October 20, 2026 -Regular Meeting

Subject
National Family Caregivers Month

Category
AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Briefings
None

Contact and/or Presenter Information
Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested
Adoption of Proclamation designating November 2026, as “National Family Caregivers Month.”

Enabling/Regulating Authority
None

Background Discussion
AARP Florida observes National Family Caregivers Month every November to honor the millions of family members who provide unpaid care to aging or disabled loved ones. AARP Florida advocates for increased funding for home and community-based services, access to respite care, and financial relief like the federal Credit for Caring Act. AARP's research finds that 24% of adults in Florida — approximately 4.45 million people — are family caregivers, providing largely unpaid and unsupported care to older parents, spouses, and other loved ones. Insights from the AARP Florida Caregiver Report underscores the urgent need to support the millions of Floridians providing unpaid care to loved ones.

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