Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, Manatee County recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources and working to make the world a better place by adopting conscientious living habits that bring about a cleaner, safer and healthier environment; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County has undertaken many positive and successful waste reduction programs that have helped make Manatee County one of Florida's recycling leaders; however, we can further reduce electronic waste (e-waste) and recycle even more electronics; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to focus on electronic waste initiatives such as e-waste reduction, collection events, educational materials for our community, the reuse of electronic products and materials, and purchasing recycled electronic products and packaging; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging businesses, State agencies, nonprofit organizations, schools and individuals to celebrate Manatee County E-Waste Day, we can further promote electronic recycling as an environmentally efficient and economically smart way of life; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all Manatee County residents become involved in e-waste recycling, and it is fitting for Manatee County to celebrate National E-Waste Day to ensure a safe and healthy environment and improved quality of life for present and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that October 14, 2026, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

NATIONAL E-WASTE DAY

in Manatee County, Florida.

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 E-Waste Day – No Presentation Scheduled

Category
AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Briefings
None

Contact and/or Presenter Information
Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested
Adoption of Proclamation designating October 14, 2026, as “National E-Waste Day.”

Enabling/Regulating Authority
None

Background Discussion
Anya Gupta is a South Florida youth environmental activist and founder of E-Waste Revolution, a youth-led initiative combining scientific research, community action, and government advocacy to address electronic waste pollution. Since 2022, she has collected more than 2,500 pounds of e-waste and led the effort to establish National E-Waste Day on October 14, recognized by proclamations from 50+ Florida mayors and the Governor of Massachusetts. She is the author of three children's books on ocean conservation, founder of The Coastal Stewards Youth Council, and has been featured on NBC, CBS, and FOX. Her work raises awareness of how toxic runoff from discarded electronics harms waterways, marine life, and human health. Learn more at www.NationalEWasteDay.com and www.EWasteRevolution.com.

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