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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN THE HELPING HUGS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The Helping Hugs program was founded by Target Stores in partnership with the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) to address the stress and fears children feel in emergency situations by providing small stuffed animals to help calm distressed children in times of crisis; and,

WHEREAS, the Hershey Company is making a donation based on products purchased at Target Stores in February during the "For Every Kiss There's a Hug" promotion; and,

WHEREAS, Target Stores are using that donation to provide the stuffed animals to National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) affiliates in communities where they have stores; and,

WHEREAS, the Manatee County Department of Public Safety Emergency Medical Services Division is an affiliate of the NAEMT; and,

WHEREAS, these stuffed animals will be provided for distribution to pediatric patients who are ill, injured, abused, or involved in an accident; and,

WHEREAS, the distribution of these stuffed animals provides support and comfort to pediatric patients; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety will provide to the County Administrator an accounting of donated stuffed animals on a quarterly basis, which accounting will thereupon be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for ratification and confirmation

of the acceptance of such donations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

The Department of Public Safety Emergency Medical Services Division is hereby authorized to participate in the Helping Hugs Program and to continue accepting donations of stuffed animals from Target Store and to provide these stuffed animals to pediatric patients.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Adopted in open session, a quorum present and voted this 5th day of April, 1994.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Stan Stephen

ATTEST: R. B. Shore
Clerk of the Circuit Court

[Signature]

