

RESOLUTION R - 02-043

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 221**

WHEREAS, existing Florida Statutes are ambiguous as to the legal authority for county emergency vehicles to display red flashing lights while responding to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the inability to display red flashing lights while responding to emergencies would pose a dire threat to the safety of county employees in the performance of their emergency duties, as well as to pedestrians and the motoring public, or would otherwise extend emergency response time; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 221, the "Move Over Act" introduced by Representative Mark Flanagan will clarify the statutory language and specify county-operated emergency vehicles are, in fact, authorized to display red flashing lights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, fully supports passage of House Bill 221 to foster public health and safety.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, with a quorum present and voting, this 19th day of February, 2002.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

R.B. SHORE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: *Ausan Bonine*



By: *Amy Stein*

Amy Stein, Chairman

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