

A RESOLUTION OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNDER THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, PREPAREDNESS, AND ASSISTANCE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Community Affairs is providing competitive awards through the Emergency Management, Preparedness, and Assistance (EMPA) Trust Fund for projects that will enhance emergency management capabilities with the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, the proposed further development of a county-wide Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, which will include the business community and citizen groups and to provide education and training in basic disaster preparedness and response skills.

WHEREAS, CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

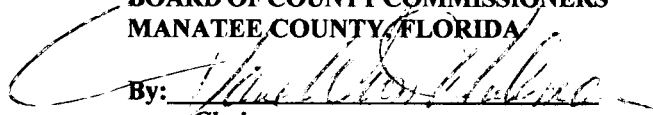
WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs has announced that the Department of Homeland Security will award \$1.4 million to Florida for Citizen Corp programs such as CERT.

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

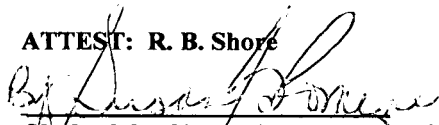
1. The approval of submitting the CERT application to the Department of Florida Community Affairs for competitive awards from the Emergency Management, Preparedness, and Assistance Competitive Grant Programs is hereby authorized.
2. The Chairman, or in his/her absence the Vice Chairman, is authorized to execute all appropriate documents with regard to this acceptance.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 13th day of January, 2004.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Chairman

ATTEST: R. B. Shore


Clerk of the Circuit Court

