

RESOLUTION R-11-012

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DECIDE UPON REQUESTS FOR COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN PARADES AND OTHER CIVIC EVENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Manatee County regularly receives requests from civic groups to allow County departments or divisions, such as Emergency Medical Services Division, to participate in parades, fairs, or similar community events; and

WHEREAS, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners is immensely proud of its County operations, and the employees who work in them, and finds that participation in such events can help improve community relations, educate taxpayers on services provided by the County, and inspires our youth to consider careers in County professions; and

WHEREAS, traditionally such requests have been placed on the agenda of the County Commission, which results in time and materials costs, and usually approved without note; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has an ongoing initiative to reduce the number of minor matters brought to the Commission for decision when such matters are not of a significant policy, political or financial impact and otherwise are not legally required to be acted upon by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that with the adequate restrictions listed below, the Administration should be delegated the authority to process these participation requests without the need to create Commission agenda items.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

1. The County Administrator or designee is authorized to examine all requests to the County for participation of County staff, equipment and/or vehicles in parades, fairs and other similar civic events, and to allow such participation to the extent staff and budgetary limitations allow, and upon determining that the core emergency services response capacity of the County will be maintained during any such participation.
2. This authorization does not create an entitlement on the part of any civic group to have County participation where the Administrator or designee determines such participation would not meet the criteria listed above, where resources or risk factors won't permit it, or where such participation would otherwise not be in the County's best interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting this 11th day of January, 2011.

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

By: _____

Carol Whitmore, Chairman

ATTEST: R.B. "CHIPS" SHORE

By: Susan Blomene
Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court

