

**RESOLUTION R-13-069**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING APRIL 17, 2013,  
AS MILITARY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY COVENANT DAY**

**WHEREAS**, for more than 230 years, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded; and

**WHEREAS**, whether serving at home or abroad, Florida's active duty reserve and National Guard military and civil servants protect our homeland, respond to national disasters, assist humanitarian emergencies, and protect against all threats, foreign and domestic; and

**WHEREAS**, created in 2008, the United States Army Community Covenant program was designed to foster and sustain effective state and community partnerships with all of the armed services, improving the quality of life for service men and women and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has conducted a state-wide community covenant signing ceremony; and

**WHEREAS**, community support is essential to the readiness of the military and contributes to strengthening the resilience of U. S. military personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans recognize that military personnel and their families make considerable sacrifices as they defend the Nation, as multiple, long deployments, frequent moves, and visible/invisible wounds of war are a few of the unique stresses military families face; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Floridians support service members, veterans, and their families by stepping forward to help mitigate stresses associated with military life while also striving to inspire their fellow Americans to continue to recognize and support military and veteran families in their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, supports April 17, 2013, as *Military Family and Community Covenant Day*, and expresses its unwavering support and admiration to all current and former military personnel for their true and faithful service and recognizes the tremendous sacrifices of their families.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners, through the Florida Military Family and Community Covenant and Operation Strong Families, accepts the call to action to support and honor all service members, veterans, and their families, past and present.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

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

ATTEST: **R. B. "Chips" Shore**  
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: *Wicki Jessner*  
Deputy Clerk

By: *J.R. Payne*  
Vice Chairman

