



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental wellbeing of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental wellbeing of our community; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that the month of July 2013 shall be known, designated, and set aside as

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida, and recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 30th day of July 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST:

R. B. "Chips" Shore
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: _____

Deputy Clerk