



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, *one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and*

WHEREAS, *more than 28,000 Americans receive a lifesaving organ transplant every year; and*

WHEREAS, *a new patient is added to the national patient waiting list for an organ transplant every 10 minutes; and*

WHEREAS, *over 121,000 men, women, and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantation, of which nearly 1,100 are in the west and southwest Florida area; and*

WHEREAS, *an average of 21 people die every day awaiting an organ transplant that does not come in time; and*

WHEREAS, *one organ, tissue, and eye donor can save or enhance the lives of as many as 60 people; and*

WHEREAS, *everyone is a potential organ, eye, and tissue donor and can register their wish to save lives through organ and tissue donation at www.DonateLifeFlorida.org or on their driver license.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED *by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 2016 shall be known, designated, and set aside as*

DONATE LIFE MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida, and encourages all residents to consider giving life through organ donation and to sign up on Florida's organ and tissue donor registry by visiting www.DonateLifeFlorida.org or when renewing their driver license or state identification card.

ADOPTED *with a quorum present and voting this 12th day of April 2016.*

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

Vanessa Baugh, Chairman

**ATTEST: Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court**
