



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, April is observed as Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month by companies, organizations, and governments across the nation – and the world; and

WHEREAS, Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month is a time to increase public understanding about esophageal cancer and the risk factors that can lead to this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, with nearly 18,000 new cases diagnosed annually, esophageal cancer is one of the fastest-growing cancer diagnoses in the United States; and

WHEREAS, esophageal cancer is more common among men than women, with a lifetime risk in the United States of about 1 in 132 in men and about 1 in 455 in women; and

WHEREAS, esophageal cancer has a dismal survival rate, largely because it is usually detected at late stages when treatment is rarely effective; however, when caught at early stages, or before it becomes cancer, patients' chances to survive increase dramatically.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 2018 shall be known, designated, and set aside as

ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of April 2018.

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

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court*
