



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, April marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the provision of fair housing opportunities for all citizens of Manatee County is an important goal of Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, concerned citizens, and the housing industry are working to realize the dream of fair and affordable housing for all County residents; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County is proud of its efforts to further fair housing for all residents and recognizes that this can only be accomplished through forging partnerships with individuals, for-profit and non-profit organizations, corporation community, and others; and

WHEREAS, supporting and promoting fair housing helps to strengthen families, communities, businesses, and our overall economy. Fulfillment of the letter and spirit of the law means that every community can be a place of opportunity where people can live in diverse, inclusive, accessible neighborhoods with quality schools, healthy foods, meaningful jobs, health care, green spaces, quality credit, and the other opportunities that frame and affect our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that, in the pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all citizens, the month of April 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida, and further that the Board of County Commissioners calls upon all residents and citizens to recognize that compliance with the U.S. Fair Housing Laws is the equitable way in which to guarantee fair housing practices for all citizens.

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
