



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of 20 million crimes each year affecting individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, years of investment in crime victims' rights and services have developed a system of victim response that can help victims recover from crime; and

WHEREAS, reaching and serving all victims of crime is essential to supporting thriving communities, because those who receive holistic services and support are more likely to remain invested in their communities; and

WHEREAS, dedicated victim service providers are working every day to meet the needs of crime victims, yet there are still too many victims without meaningful access to rights and services; and

WHEREAS, we must make a dedicated effort to expand the circle of those prepared to respond to victims and link them to the resources that can help them recover; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime, especially those who are challenging to reach or serve, are afforded their rights and receive a trauma response; and

WHEREAS, Manatee Victim Rights Council is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, working for justice for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 8-14, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK

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
