



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 117,000 men, women, and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantation, of which more than 800 are in the West and Southwest Florida area; and

WHEREAS, an average of 19 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 2013 shall be known, designated, and set aside as

DONATE LIFE MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida, and the Board 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 9th day of April 2013.

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

By:

Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

By:

Deputy Clerk