



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment & Economic Opportunity Department provides leadership and excellence to enhance entrepreneurship through public-private partnerships, outreach initiatives and conferences, customized business scoping services, and connections to entrepreneurship training; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship are vital components to quality of life and business in Manatee County. Entrepreneurs are responsible for starting and growing businesses that produce value in the market place; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship promotes innovation and is an essential part of a nation's ability to succeed in an ever changing and increasingly competitive global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, new businesses account for nearly all net new job creation and almost 20 percent of gross job creation according to the Kauffman Foundation; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs provide employment opportunities, preserve cultural identities of communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of entrepreneurship week, the Spark Growth Leadership Conference – "Today's Decisions. Tomorrow's Future." – will be held on February 20, 2018, at the Manatee Performing Arts Center to show support of the pioneers, builders, and start-ups of Manatee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that February 19-25, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida, commending the work of all entrepreneurs in Manatee County and recognizing the importance of creating job opportunities and improving quality of life.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 13th day of February 2018.

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

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese*
Clerk of the Circuit Court
