



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is the leading genetic killer of children under the age of two; one in 40 Americans carry the gene that causes SMA; and SMA is known to cause degeneration in voluntary muscle movement for those that survive with the disease; and

WHEREAS, Spinal Muscular Atrophy crosses all racial, ethnic, and religious boundaries, and can strike anyone of any age, race, or gender; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of Spinal Muscular Atrophy will lead to increased knowledge and increased support for both disease research and the families affected by the disease, hopefully leading to a cure; and

WHEREAS, Patient Groups have named August as National Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month in order to raise awareness and help promote research into this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, support should be given to all organizations that are working hard to find a treatment and/or a cure for SMA, including Families of SMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that August 2014 shall be known, designated, and set aside as

SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY (SMA) AWARENESS MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida, and all citizens are urged to take interest in and give full support to the effort to raise awareness and find a cure for SMA.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 29th day of July 2014.

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

By: _____
Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST: ***R. B. "Chips" Shore***
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: _____
Deputy Clerk