Proclamation
Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, April 7 – 13, 2019, is National Crime Victims’ Rights Week; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the President’s Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and

WHEREAS, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance, and commitment that launched the victims’ rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

WHEREAS, incorporating communities’ existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims, including the rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; 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 offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; 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, and working for a better future for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 7 - 13, 2019, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

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in Manatee County, Florida; and further, to reaffirm that Manatee County is committed in creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims’ Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 26th day of March 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Stephen R. Jonsson, Chairman

ATTEST: Angelina Colonneo
Clerk of the Circuit Court