WHEREAS, the week of April 1-7, 2019, is National Public Health Week and the theme is “Healthiest Nation 2030”; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers, and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health; and

WHEREAS, seven in 10 deaths in the United States are related to preventable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancer; 75 percent of our health care dollars are spent treating such diseases; however, only three percent of our health care dollars go toward prevention; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all cancer deaths could be prevented by making healthy choices like not smoking, staying at a healthy weight, eating right, keeping active, and getting recommended screening tests; and

WHEREAS, foodborne contaminants cause an average of 5,000 deaths, 325,000 hospitalizations, 76 million illnesses, and costs billions of dollars annually; and the five most common foodborne pathogens cost the U.S. economy more than $44 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, strong public health systems are critical for sustaining and improving community health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 1-7, 2019, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

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in Manatee County, Florida, and the Board calls upon the residents to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and leaders better understand the value of public health and adopt preventive lifestyle habits considering this year’s theme, “Healthiest Nation 2030.”

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 Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court