



## ***Proclamation***

*Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida*

**WHEREAS**, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Manatee County's scenic beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of May, the residents of Manatee County and its visitors can participate in local bike challenges, commuting bike events, local bike club events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County's road and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life. In addition, positive outcomes occur such as growing the economy, attracting tourism, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County Government, M3 Millennial movement, YourChoice Fitness Center, local bike shops, bike clubs, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies, and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups are also promoting bicycle tourism year-round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, be recognized as

### ***NATIONAL BIKE MONTH***

in Manatee County, Florida.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

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

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*Priscilla Trace, Chairman*

**ATTEST:** *Angelina Colonnese*  
*Clerk of the Circuit Court*

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