



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, the Manatee Chamber of Commerce, with over ninety-percent of its 2,000 member businesses and organizations consisting of small businesses, is focused on building partnerships and providing business development resources to our small business community; and

WHEREAS, America's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks, and work hard; and

WHEREAS, from storefront shops that anchor Main Street to high-tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstone of our nation's promise; and

WHEREAS, small business owners have energy and a passion for what they do; and

WHEREAS, when we support small businesses, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

WHEREAS, because this country's 28 million small businesses create nearly two out of every three jobs in our economy, we cannot resolve ourselves to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners and highlights the programs and services available through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County Government supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 29 – May 5, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 24th day of April 2018.

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

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court*
