



## ***Proclamation***

Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida

**WHEREAS**, Kent Chetlain was born in Oak Park, Illinois on September 20, 1927, and grew up just north of Chicago until 1943 when the family moved to Woodstock, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Kent graduated from Gila Junior College in eastern Arizona in 1948 and the University of Miami in 1951 majoring in history and journalism. He then began his journalism career at the Miami Herald in 1951 where he met Joanne Lacey and married her later that year; and

**WHEREAS**, Kent and Joanne began a family that today includes four children, Dr. Mary Lou Zoback, Anna Chetlain, Kent Chetlain III, and Paul Chetlain, and five grandchildren, Eli, Orinda, Megan, Joshua, Erika, and Abigail.

**WHEREAS**, Kent began working at the Bradenton Herald in 1957 and was the Sports Editor from 1962 until 1969 when he began working with the Tampa Tribune. In 1971 he became the News Editor for the Florida Trend Magazine, and in 1973 the family moved back to Bradenton where he again worked for the Bradenton Herald, as well as the Islander/Banner of Anna Maria, and served as Records Manager for the Clerk of the Circuit Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of Manatee County elected Kent to three terms on the County Commission, from 1982-1994, and during that time he served as chairman of the Board and chairman of the West Coast Inland Navigation District. He also served on the Manatee County Tourist Development Council and the Manatee County Port Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, during Kent's time as a Commissioner, he was part of the Board that approved the sale of Manatee Memorial Hospital, which produced proceeds that the County would rely on for more than 30 years to fund indigent healthcare costs; the Commissioners approved a public referendum for the Children's Services millage, which has provided millions of dollars to serve abused, neglected, abandoned, at risk, and economically disadvantaged children; and the Commission agreed to construct the County Administration Building and to partner with the state to provide affordable housing assistance through local funds and the Sadowski Act funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that Tuesday, January 9, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

### ***KENT CHETLAIN DAY***

in Manatee County, Florida.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 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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