



## **Proclamation**

*Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida*

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from the prestigious University of Missouri School of Journalism, Joan Krauter began a distinguished career in journalism that has spanned more than four decades, including stops at the Columbia (Mo.) Daily Tribune, the Denver Post, Newsday, and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 20 years, Joan has served as vice president and executive editor of the Bradenton Herald where she led an award-winning team of journalists and photographers who have chronicled Manatee County news, local government, and significant local events during a time of extraordinary community growth; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure Joan maintained the Bradenton Herald's high standards and commitment to community journalism while transitioning the paper into the digital media age by launching successful online products and compiling a social media following of nearly 70,000 people on Facebook and more than 38,000 on Twitter; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Association of University Women named Joan a Woman of Achievement and in 2015 she was named as one of the county's 25 Wonder Women by the Women's Resource Center of Manatee; and

**WHEREAS**, Joan created the popular "I am Woman, Hear Me Write" column that gave a voice for local women to express their thoughts, feelings, and challenges facing girls and women of all ages, and she inspired many during her courageous battle against breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Joan has contributed uniquely to the field of journalism by hiring scores of young journalism professionals and nurturing their careers by emphasizing the importance of building news sources through relationships and telling the stories of our community with attention to accuracy and compassion without compromising journalistic integrity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that Tuesday, May 22, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

### **JOAN KRAUTER DAY**

in Manatee County, Florida.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 22<sup>nd</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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