



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, the beautiful coastal and inland beaches of Manatee County represent a world renowned recreational resource; and

WHEREAS, the residents and visitors of Manatee County alike are drawn to these beaches by the millions each year for water and beach activities; and

WHEREAS, the aquatic environment has dangers that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards; and

WHEREAS, for reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with the aquatic environment is appropriate at the commencement of the busy summer beach season; and

WHEREAS, rip currents can occur at any surf beach with breaking waves and are the leading surf hazard for all beachgoers; and

WHEREAS, rip currents are often difficult to spot and are particularly dangerous for weak or non-swimmers but can sweep even the strongest out to sea; and

WHEREAS, the residents and visitors of Manatee County alike must remember to Learn to Swim, Swim Near a Lifeguard, Swim with a Buddy, Check with the Lifeguards, Use Sunscreen and Drink Water, Obey Posted Signs and Flags, Keep the Beach and Water Clean, Learn Rip Current Safety, Enter Water Feet First, and Wear a Life Jacket.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 21-28, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

NATIONAL BEACH SAFETY WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida, and all residents using our beaches are urged to enjoy themselves at the beach this year, while taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their children.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 22nd day of May 2018.

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

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese*
Clerk of the Circuit Court
