



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army was founded in London in 1865 by William Booth and is now an international organization located in 126 countries; and

WHEREAS, programs and services offered can vary from community to community, The Salvation Army of Manatee County offers emergency shelter and community dinners, case management programs to assist individuals in finding sustainable housing, and youth mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, nationally, more than 3.5 million people volunteer time with The Salvation Army, with about 800 local volunteers serving meals each night, ringing bells over the holiday kettle drive, working the holiday Angel Tree and Adopt-A-Family toy shops, or providing ministry and mentoring at the Center for Worship; and

WHEREAS, on average, 200 meals are served and more than 100 people seek emergency shelter nightly; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army holiday kettle drive supports local programs and services, and the Angel Tree and Adopt-A-Family toy shops provide gifts to more than 3,000 children each Christmas; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army also provides relief during natural disasters and crisis situations, such as providing meals for first responders on Florida's Atlantic coast following Hurricane Matthew; and

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared the first National Salvation Army Week in 1954, which now serves as a reminder to Americans to give freely of themselves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 14-20, 2017, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

SALVATION ARMY WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 8th day of May 2018.

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

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court*
