



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, tourism is vital to Manatee County and the United States, contributing to economic prosperity, employment and international trade, understanding, and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, tourism ranks as one of Manatee County's top industries in the amount of revenues generated; and

WHEREAS, tourism contributed an estimated \$1.2 billion to the local economy in 2017, and during that time over 3.1 million tourists visited our County; and

WHEREAS, one out of every 9.6 jobs in the U.S. depends on travel and tourism, and

WHEREAS, the tourism industry provides employment for more students and unskilled labor than any other industry in the County; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism will continue to enhance the lives of the people of Manatee County, as people throughout the world become more aware of the outstanding cultural and recreational resources available in Manatee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 6-12, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

TOURISM 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*
