



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, incidents of domestic violence occur somewhere in our country every 15 seconds;
and

WHEREAS, domestic violence occurs in all geographic, social, and economic backgrounds;
and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is more than an occasional family dispute and, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, 105,640 incidents of domestic violence occurred in Florida in 2016; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence also has an impact on our local community; according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, 2,628 Manatee County domestic violence offenses were documented in calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, a home should be a safe place, a residence of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security and, for most of us, home and family can be counted among our greatest blessings; and

WHEREAS, in Manatee County, HOPE Family Services, their staff, volunteers, and board members directly confront this local crisis with help from all law enforcement agencies, health care providers, the clergy, and other concerned citizens who are working together to aid in the effort to end domestic violence in our community; and

WHEREAS, we must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals and applaud their efforts and increase public understanding of this important issue.

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of October 2017.

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

Betsy Benac, Chairman

ATTEST: Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court
