



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of efforts originally launched in 2002 by the 9/11 nonprofit, My Good Deed, with wide support by the 9/11 community and leading national service organizations; and

WHEREAS, this effort first established the inspiring tradition of engaging in charitable service on 9/11 as an annual and forward-looking tribute to the 9/11 victims, survivors, and those who rose up in service in response to the attacks; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress designated September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under bipartisan federal law, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with helping to support this effort across the country; and

WHEREAS, for the anniversary, the Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition and VetCorps AmeriCorps*VISTA are working alongside numerous other organizations to implement one of the largest days of charitable service in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, five hundred "Gratitude Bags" filled with treats and other goodies will be assembled by members of the National Junior Honor Society of the State College of Florida Collegiate School for delivery by community volunteers to first responders at police stations, sheriff's offices, fire stations, and the Manatee County Emergency Operations Center on September 9; and

WHEREAS, on the anniversary of the September 11th attacks, Americans will unite in service in the same remarkable way that so many came together following the attacks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that September 11, 2014, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

SEPTEMBER 11TH NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 9th day of September 2014.

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

By: _____
Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST: ***R. B. "Chips" Shore***
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: _____
Deputy Clerk