

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: March 19, 2024
Date Submitted: March 7, 2024
To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
From: Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator
Subject: Approval of a Proclamation for Family Abduction Awareness Day
May 25th

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval of a Proclamation for Family Abduction Awareness Day May 25th.

Background:

A request was received from Chris Felder, Florida Chair of the National Parents Organization for a Proclamation for Family Abduction Awareness Day May 25th.

Analysis:

The Proclamation would declare May 25th as Family Abduction Awareness Day which is aimed at educating residents about the prevalence, risks, and consequences of family abduction.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Options:

1. Approve the attached Proclamation and authorize all Commissioners to sign.
2. Do not approve
3. Board direction.

County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 1.

Attachment:

- Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

Family Abduction Awareness Day

WHEREAS, every 40 seconds, a child goes missing or is abducted in the United States, 90% of all missing children get taken by their parents or another family member; and

WHEREAS, a family abduction occurs when a child is taken, wrongfully retained, or concealed by a parent or other family member, depriving another individual of their right to custody or visitation, even in cases with vague or absent court orders; and

WHEREAS, a family abduction is often an act of frustration with the left-behind parent, the legal system, or their own situation in life. A family abduction has distinctive characteristics including emotional and psychological trauma to the child and left-behind family; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on law enforcement agencies to maintain written plans which specify actions and procedures for promptly meeting situations of alleged family abduction; and

WHEREAS, the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners would like to support the efforts to reduce the threat of family abductions, reunite the children who are missing with their families and honor all those who are working for the cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners proclaims May 25, 2024, as:

FAMILY ABDUCTION AWARENESS DAY

Proclaimed this 19th day of March 2024.

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