

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: May 17, 2010

Date Submitted: April 30, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Commissioner Kessler

Subject: Request Board Approval of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of May 2010 as Civility Month

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests the Board of County Commissioners to approve a Proclamation declaring the month of May Civility Month, and calls upon all citizens to exercise civility toward each other.

Background:

The open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government. As a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility. Displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government.

Analysis:

When we are civil to each other, we confirm our worth and acknowledge the worth of others. When we are civil to each other, we secure the respect of our fellow human beings. Civility Month is meant to raise awareness of all people to act with courtesy, civility, kindness and manners as well as rally people to act with good manners in their everyday lives. Civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society.

Options:

1. Vote to approve the Proclamation declaring the month of May, Civility Month.
2. Do not vote to approve the Proclamation declaring the month of May, Civility Month.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment:

1. Proclamation