

Proclamation

Whereas, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

Whereas, as a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility;

Whereas, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals form participation in government; and

Whereas, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

Whereas, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

Whereas, the city County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the County Commission of the County of Wakulla County that the month of May is proclaimed as Civility Month, and calls upon all citizens to exercise civility toward each other.

Passed and adopted this seventeenth day of May, 2010.

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Chairman