

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: September 7, 2010

Date Submitted: August 20, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
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Scott Jackson, Extension Director & VolunteerWAKULLA  
Member

Subject: Request Board Approval of a Proclamation Declaring September 11, 2010  
as Make A Difference Day in Wakulla County

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval of a Proclamation declaring September 11, 2010 as Make A Difference Day in Wakulla County.

### **Background:**

VolunteerWAKULLA has joined to promote an annual national day of doing good that celebrates and strengthens the spirit of volunteer service. VolunteerWAKULLA has held two successful annual events on May 10, 2008 and April 25, 2009 with a combined service value of over \$11,000.

VolunteerWAKULLA was established to connect community group needs with volunteers' interests. Every day, millions of Americans volunteer, using their time, talents and compassion to make a difference in the lives of others. Recognizing and honoring volunteer's sets a standard for service to others helps foster a caring community.

### **Analysis:**

Make A Difference Day is the largest national day of helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors; everyone can participate.

VolunteerWakulla anticipates another successful event on September 11, 2010 and requests approval of the Proclamation declaring September 11, 2010 as Make A Difference Day in Wakulla County. All fellow citizens are urged to observe this day by connecting with friends, fellow employees, and relatives with religious, schools and civic groups to engage in projects benefiting Wakulla County.

Volunteer sign-up will begin at 7:30a.m. at Hudson Park and will feature simultaneous community service events. Following sign-up, the Sheriffs Office is holding an event commemorating 9/11 to begin at 8:30a.m. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

Volunteer Service Projects will be from 9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. Afterward, a free lunch with door prizes and community celebration will wrap up the day's events at Hudson Park.

**Options:**

1. Approve the Proclamation declaring September 11, 2010 as Make A Difference Day in Wakulla County.
2. Do not approve the Proclamation declaring September 11, 2010 as Make A Difference Day in Wakulla County.
3. Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Attachment:**

1. Proclamation Declaring September 11, 2010 as Make A Difference Day in Wakulla County.