



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the prosperity and the well-being of the citizens of Manatee County are highly dependent upon the cooperation, mutual understanding, and respect between our agriculture producers and the urban segment of our population; and,

WHEREAS, this year's Farm-City Week celebration will highlight Youth in Agriculture and will draw attention to the many important contributions young people have made to agriculture and the positive and lasting impacts those contributions continue to have on the health and success of the agriculture industry; and,

WHEREAS, Manatee County's agricultural industry is one of our largest industries providing food, jobs, and an estimated \$2.4 billion in economic impact in our county; and,

WHEREAS, there are more than 1,000 Manatee County youth ages 5-18 directly involved in agriculture-related education and activities through membership in youth development organizations such as 4-H, FFA, and the Junior Cattlemen; and,

WHEREAS, more than 54% of the land in Manatee County is used for agriculture and the continued strength and success of our agriculture industry will depend on the continued participation of youth in all aspects of agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, the general public of Manatee County has a great stake in a healthy and productive agriculture industry; and,

WHEREAS, Farm-City Week provides an unusual opportunity for those in agriculture enterprises and their city neighbors to become acquainted, and to work together for a better understanding of our interdependence on each other; and,

WHEREAS, this is an opportunity for greater understanding which leads to increased harmony.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Murphy, Mayor of the City of Anna Maria, Florida do hereby proclaim that November 9 - 19, 2016, shall be known, designated and set aside as

FARM - CITY WEEK

In Manatee County, Florida and all citizens are urged to recognize the outstanding contributions our women in agriculture have made to our economy and community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Anna Maria, Florida, to be affixed this 27th day of October, 2016.

ATTEST:

Dan Murphy, Mayor

LeAnne Addy, City Clerk