

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Declaring Buddy Bear Weekend in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** founded in 1995 in Palm Beach County, Buddy Bear Weekend has expanded to the Treasure Coast and will have its first local event November 18-19, 2016; and
- Whereas,** since its founding, Buddy Bear Weekend has collected over 25,000 bears for local children in trauma; and
- Whereas,** the event drives awareness and aid to children who may be traumatized due to life-altering events such as accidents, child abuse, loss of home, loss of parent(s); and
- Whereas,** the goal of the weekend-long event is to collect brand new teddy bears for local children in trauma to be distributed to them by first responders when they arrive on scene; and
- Whereas,** this small gesture of delivering a teddy bear to these traumatized children has helped these children many times over.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that November 18-19 is Buddy Bear Weekend in Martin County. Further, the Board encourages residents to participate in this event to raise awareness about the positive impact made when a child receives a brand new teddy bear at the time of a trauma.

Duly adopted this Twenty-fifth Day of October 2016

ATTEST:

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