WHEREAS, Sarasota County views itself as a lifelong community, regards active aging as a lifetime process, and recognizes that the increasing longevity of our population requires us to be more age-friendly; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to helping all residents live healthy and active lives, with a focus on outdoor space and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic engagement and employment, communication and information, and community and health services; and

WHEREAS, partnering with AARP, the University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee, The Patterson Foundation, and the Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging at USF, Sarasota County has joined the World Health Organization Age-Friendly Communities Network, to make our community more livable for people of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2015 to be:

AGE-FRIENDLY SARASOTA DAY

PRESENTED this 6th day of May, 2015.