



Commissioner Sandy Murman proclaimed Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Hillsborough County. Board members and community partners accepted the proclamation and included Dotti Groover-Skipper, Joanna Winters, Donna Lancaster, Niki Cross, Christina Bassan, Natasha Nascimento, Laura Hamilton, Teresa Foss, Angeline Wade, Elizabeth Dunn, Jillian Penhale, Isabel Dewey, Lee Lowry, Elizabeth Dunsmoor, Edie Rhea, Anna Maria Orlando, Telisia Espinosa and Jane Ramos.

Tampa Bay Area thought leaders share what they anticipate in 2018

Hillsborough County has come roaring out of the recession and we are riding a wave of new growth and new opportunity for our small businesses and our residents. 2018 will be an aggressive year that will make a difference in the quality of life of our taxpayers and residents.

Hillsborough law firms part of nationwide push to sue over opioid crisis

Two Tampa law firms are part of a nationwide effort to recover damages from pharmaceutical companies for states and local governments burdened by a rising tide of opioid overdoses. The Hillsborough County Commission voted to retain the outside attorneys in mid-November, but had been talking about the idea since Commissioner Sandy Murman brought it up in August. "We've got to do more at the local level," Murman said.

Hillsborough County Commission supports state texting while driving legislation

County Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution supporting legislation in Tallahassee, sponsored by Florida State Rep. Jackie Toledo, which would strengthen the current ban on texting, emailing, and instant messaging while driving by changing the current enforcement of the ban from a secondary offense to a primary offense.

Hillsborough company lands \$40 million federal contract for training

A Tampa company is getting \$40 million from the U.S. Air Force to provide specialized training for international military students. The Air Force announced this week the contract will pay for CAE USA to provide aircrew and maintenance technician simulator training in the Tampa Bay area through 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

Thursday, Feb. 1, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

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