



*As we take a break in our busy schedules to celebrate America's birthday with family picnics, barbecues, games, music and fireworks, it is also a time to pause and remember the special meanings behind Independence Day. It's a time to think about the freedoms we enjoy every day. We should take time to remember all those in our Armed Forces who paid the price of freedom so that we could celebrate this holiday with safety and security. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and God Bless each of you on this Fourth of July!*



**Young entrepreneurs get started in Tampa Bay area**

Izu Madubueze didn't set out to become a businessman. But when the University of South Florida held an African Night in April 2016, the member of one of Igbo's seven royal families wanted to attend in regal style. Instead of wearing an African-print shirt he could buy online, he decided to make it himself. Madubueze, who turned 21 on May 25 on Africa Day, is one of a number of entrepreneurs under 30 that are part of the growing entrepreneurial ecosystem in Tampa Bay.

**Hurricane prep tips for businesses from the Florida DEO**

As we are nearly a month into the 2018 Hurricane Season, do not forget to plan for your family and your business! The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has established a website, FloridaDisaster.biz, to help Florida businesses prepare, respond and recover from hurricanes and other disasters. For information on how to prepare your family and your business visit the "Get Ready! 2018" tab on my website: <http://www.sandymurman.com/get-ready/> which also links to the DEO webpage.

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY**

Wednesday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

Tuesday, July 24, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

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**WHAT'S ON THE BOCC AGENDA?**

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