



WHEREAS, since April is the birth month of Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the first American manual of parliamentary procedure in 1801, it is an appropriate time to honor him and celebrate the use of parliamentary procedure; and

WHEREAS, it is also fitting to honor Henry Martyn Robert, author of "Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies," also known as "Robert's Rules of Order"; and

WHEREAS, "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" is the most widely recognized and used parliamentary authority in public and private organizations; and

WHEREAS, the use of parliamentary procedure in meetings provides for civil discourse, protects individual rights, ensures fairness, and maintains order; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Parliamentarians is a professional society dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure; **NOW THEREFORE**,

WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as:

"PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH"

in Volusia County and call upon our citizens to bring parliamentary leadership to organizations and societies with which they are involved.

Dated this 30th day of March, A.D. 2018