

SARASOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Sarasota, Florida



# Proclamation

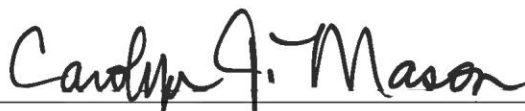
**WHEREAS,** *prenatal alcohol exposure is the leading preventable cause of birth defects and intellectual and developmental disabilities; and*

**WHEREAS,** *“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders” (FASD) is an umbrella term that describes the range of effects that can occur to a baby whose mother drank alcohol while pregnant, and these effects can cause life-long impairment, preventing individuals from living independently; and*

**WHEREAS,** *it benefits all residents of Sarasota County and all Floridians to promote awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, increase compassion for those individuals so affected, minimize further effects and ensure a healthier community in the future.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
*do hereby proclaim September 9, 2015 to be:*

## **FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY**



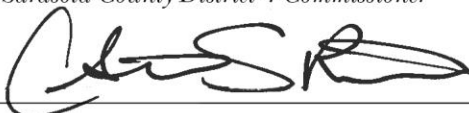
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Sarasota County District 1 Commissioner



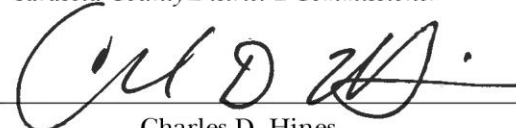
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