



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
Way  
Viera, FL 32940

## Resolution/Award/Presentation

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E.2.

9/12/2023

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**Subject:**

Resolution acknowledging MaryAnn Sterling as USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year - Florida Honoree

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Dept/Office:**

District 4 Commissioner

**Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board approve the resolution recognizing MaryAnn Sterling as USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year

**Summary Explanation and Background:**

Recognize and express gratitude for her service.

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Please provide one framed resolution.



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September 13, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Commissioner Rob Feltner, District 4

**RE:** Item E.2., Resolution Acknowledging MaryAnn Sterling as USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year – Florida Honoree

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 12, 2023, adopted Resolution No. 23-092, acknowledging MaryAnn Sterling as USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year – Florida Honoree. A copy of the Resolution is enclosed.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Encl. (1)

Brevard



County

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

**WHEREAS, MARYANN STERLING** became a "parent again" in 1990 to raise her 6 year old grandson due to the tragic death of her daughter and quickly realized she was not alone. **MARYANN STERLING** formed a small support group to help other grandparents through some of the struggles that come with this difficult role of raising a grandchild; and

**WHEREAS, MARYANN STERLING** founded the nonprofit agency she named Grandparents Raising Grandchild of Brevard County, FL, Inc., in 1994 and began to forge relationships with other agencies to help meet the needs of the seniors and at-risk children making up these new families; and

**WHEREAS, MARYANN STERLING** has served as the Executive Director for over 29 years and champions the successful "Child First" mission of the agency with her knowledge, experience and passion because every child deserves a safe place to call home; and

**WHEREAS, MARYANN STERLING'S** little agency has grown from 6 members to over 1,500 members and hosts support group meetings in 6 locations each month. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren provides advocacy, training, support, resources and referral services to relative caregivers raising children that are not their own; and

**WHEREAS, through her tireless work at Grandparents Raising Grandchild of Brevard County, FL, Inc., MARYANN STERLING** has made a significant impact in her community and across the nation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,** does hereby unanimously recognize and commend

**MARYANN STERLING**

for being named USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year – Florida Honoree which acknowledges the impact she has had on our community.

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED,** in regular session this 12th day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

  
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

  
RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



**MaryAnn Sterling RESOLUTION**

**USA Today's 2023 Woman of the Year – Florida Honoree**

**WHEREAS**, MaryAnn Sterling became a “parent again” in 1990 to raise her 6 year old grandson due to the tragic death of her daughter and quickly realized she was not alone. MaryAnn Sterling formed a small support group to help other grandparents through some of the struggles that come with this difficult role of raising a grandchild.

**WHEREAS**, MaryAnn Sterling founded the nonprofit agency she named Grandparents Raising Grandchildren of Brevard County FL, Inc. in 1994 and began to forge relationships with other agencies to help meet the needs of the seniors and at-risk children making up these new families.

**WHEREAS**, MaryAnn Sterling has served as the Executive Director for over 29 years and champions the successful “Child First” mission of the agency with her knowledge, experience and passion because every child deserves a safe place to call home.

**WHEREAS**, MaryAnn Sterling’s little agency has grown from 6 members to over 1500 members and hosts support group meeting in 6 locations each month. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren provides advocacy, training, support, resources and referral services to relative caregivers raising children that are not their own.

**WHEREAS**, through her tireless work at Grandparents Raising Grandchildren of Brevard County, Florida, Inc., MaryAnn Sterling has made a significant impact in her community and across the nation.

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For being named USA Today’s 2023 Woman of the Year – Florida Honoree which acknowledges the impact she has had on our community.

**DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED**, in regular session, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

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Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk

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Rita Pritchett, CHAIR

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA