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News Release
Reminder from the Collier County Clerk
Sunshine Week is March 15-21, 2020
A Time to Celebrate Government Transparency and the People’s Right to Know

We live in the “Sunshine State,” but “Sunshine Week” is not about our beautiful sunny weather.

Sunshine Week (March 15-21, 2020), is an annual initiative held across the country to promote the importance of open government and to celebrate the people’s right to access public meetings and public records. The observance, which is held in mid-March to coincide with the anniversary of James Madison’s birth, serves as a reminder that a well-informed and engaged citizenry is essential in order to have an honest and accountable government. At their meeting on March 10, 2020 Collier County Commissioners were joined by representatives from the County’s five Constitutional Officers to recognize the week with a proclamation.

“Sunshine week is an opportunity for all those in local government to reaffirm our commitment to providing our citizens with open, transparent and honest governmental operations,” said Collier County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Crystal Kinzel. “And it is an opportunity for our citizens to learn more about their rights and become engaged and informed members of our community.”

The Office of the Collier County Clerk is responsible for recording, safeguarding and providing access to public records, including:

- Court judgements (Civil, Traffic and Criminal);
- Official land records such as deeds, liens and condo docs;
- Wills and marriage licenses;
- Financial records and audits; and,
- Minutes and records of the Board of County Commissioners.

The public’s access to records is not limited to weekday office hours. Thousands of records are available 24/7 on the Clerk’s website, www.CollierClerk.com. The website was designed with “easy buttons” so users can conveniently find, view and print records from their living room. However, not all records are available to the public. The Clerk’s Office will protect and keep from disclosure all legally confidential, sealed and exempt records and information in accordance with statutes, court orders and/or case law.
For more information about Florida’s open government laws, visit www.MyFloridaLegal.com. For more information about this news release contact Mike Sheffield, Director of Community Relation’s and Outreach at (239) 252-6879 or Mike.Sheffield@CollierClerk.com.

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