

# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Florida's Arbor Day is January 16, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, native trees and shrubs provide a haven for our quickly disappearing wildlife; they preserve the health of our population by reducing ever-increasing amounts of carbon dioxide in the air and creating oxygen essential for the survival of man; they filter the airborne pollutants and dust for the health and well being of the citizenry; and they retain soil with their root systems, preventing erosion; and

**WHEREAS**, their unplanned and uncontrolled removal causes unnecessary surface run-off, which causes increased costs to the county government by requiring extra maintenance of canals, swales, and streets; and

**WHEREAS**, when left in their naturally formed clumps, native trees and shrubs retain moisture in the soil and are drought resistant, thereby alleviating the excessive and unnecessary drain on our seasonally hard-pressed water supply; and play a key role in purifying water passing through the ground from the surface to ground water tables and lower aquifers; provide habitat and food for a variety of native bird species; and

**WHEREAS**, large numbers of trees can be preserved through planning simple modifications of development practice, such as Charlotte County's excellent example of native tree plantings in front of the Administration Building.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the week of January 18<sup>th</sup> through January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

### *Native Tree and Shrub Preservation Week*

and all citizens are urged to protect and/or plant native trees and shrubs in their neighborhoods, thereby preserving a natural public resource for all Charlotte County's present and future citizens.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph M. Tiseo, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hector Flores, County Administrator