

# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte County's only incorporated City, the City of Punta Gorda was proclaimed to be Hibiscus City in 1926 when plantings were provided throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted Resolution 2177-00 on March 1, 2000 reaffirming that designation as the City of Hibiscus; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte County resident Harry Goulding made Punta Gorda his home and devoted his talents to growing and producing hybrid hibiscus plants throughout his life, earning many awards such as the National American Hibiscus Society's Norman Brubaker Trophy for the Judges' Favorite Bloom of 1987 with "Harvest Moon" that he hybridized; and

**WHEREAS**, The Annual Punta Gorda Hibiscus Festival is held in the beautiful waterfront Gilchrist Park May 2 - 4, 2025 and include the exciting Friday Night Music Festival featuring the best of our local musicians. The Opening Day Celebration begins Saturday morning at 9:00 with Mayor Deborah Lux unveiling this year's King and Queen of Hibiscus, which is followed by the darling Lil' Miss Hibiscus Pageant showcasing the young beauties of Charlotte County. The Punta Gorda Sailing Club will again host their Hibiscus Cup Regatta on the glistening waters of the Peace River. There are free hands-on activities for the kids. Enjoy the continuous musical entertainment with 2 stages to entertain you as you explore the acres of beautiful flowers, plants and yard art for your home or business.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that May 3, 2025 shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

### *Hibiscus Day*

Residents are encouraged to plant the hibiscus to beautify the county and to continue the tradition begun many years ago.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Hector Flores, County Administrator