

PROCLAMATION

**HEREAS*, our nation's freedoms and security have been valiantly safeguarded by the selfless sacrifices and dedicated service of the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

HEREAS, many of these heroes—especially those who served in World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, in peacetime and beyond—have not had the opportunity to visit the national military service memorials in Washington, D.C., built in their honor; and

HEREAS, Honor Flight Network is a national nonprofit organization honoring veterans by transporting them to national memorials dedicated to their service, at no cost to them, imparting the gratitude of a grateful nation; and

HEREAS, Honor Flight Network provides veterans a trip of a lifetime, making unforgettable, uplifting memories while revering their service, restoring the faith with veterans of bygone eras by giving them the welcome home they rightfully deserve but may not have previously received, therein replacing adverse memories with pleasant ones; and

HEREAS, Charlotte County is proud to be home to, and steadfastly committed to, honoring veterans by expressing our collective appreciation of these courageous men and women who served America with honor and enrich the social, cultural, and economic fabric of our community; and

HEREAS, Southwest Florida Honor Flight serves seven counties including Charlotte County, organizes two flights annually—one from Punta Gorda Airport—and fundraises from generous patriots to support the mission of honoring America's veterans; and

HEREAS, in honor of Veterans Day, Charlotte County wishes to recognize veterans' valor and enduring legacies, and offer our citizens the opportunity to celebrate veterans throughout the month of November; and

HEREAS, the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners encourages all residents to honor our veterans on Veterans Day and throughout November 2025 by supporting Southwest Florida Honor Flight's mission and reflecting on the profound debt of gratitude we owe to those who have served our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that November 2025 shall be known as Southwest Florida Honor Flight Month

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 28th day of October 2025