

\*\*HEREAS, the Zonta Club of Punta Gorda - Port Charlotte has empowered women in this community through service and advocacy since its charter in 1979; and

**HEREAS,** Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals building a better world for women and girls through service, advocacy, and funding. Zonta envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence; and

\*\*DHEREAS\*\*, We support the objectives of ZONTA International, which are to improve the legal, political, economic, education, health, and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy; to work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of members; to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and to be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations, and the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that March 8, 2025, shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

Zonta Yellow Rose Day

honoring Angie Matthiessen, Executive Director of United Way of Charlotte County.