## PROCLAMATION

\*\*HEREAS\*\*, Injuries are the leading cause of death and disability to individuals in the United States, ages 1 to 44. Injury is defined as physical harm, damage, disability, or death to an individual. Whether intentional or unintentional, Southwest Florida is committed to reducing these injuries through outreach, education, and awareness to prevent serious harm. Lee Health operates the only Level II Trauma Center between Sarasota and Miami, which is crucial for handling traumatic injuries in the region; and

**HEREAS**, Lee Health Trauma Services works to establish a safe and injury-free environment in and around Southwest Florida, as traumatic injuries have contributed to an increase in hospital visits in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, and Glades Counties in 2025; and

\*\*HEREAS\*\*, Charlotte County is committed to creating a safe environment by contributing to the safety and well-being of its residents through participation in National Injury Prevention Day on November 18th. In this effort, Lee Health is asking Government buildings, local businesses, and communities to shine a green light to raise awareness about injury prevention; and

**HEREAS**, hospitals, state agencies, and community organizations are vested in the role of reducing injuries and deaths by promoting safe practices and empowering communities to act and create safer environments: and

**HEREAS**, National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness to promote efforts to prevent injuries among all age groups. Lee Health Trauma Services and Golisano Children's Hospital, in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, local fire departments, emergency medical services, and numerous other area agencies and businesses throughout Southwest Florida, work to protect and help prevent injuries to all residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED November 18, 2025, shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

## National Injury Prevention Day

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 25th day of November 2025

	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA
	Ву
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