

Charlotte County Florida



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children and teens experiencing the death of a parent, sibling, or other loved one often face grief that is complex, ongoing, and often misunderstood; and

WHEREAS, November is recognized nationally as Children's Grief Awareness Month, to increase understanding and visibility around the needs of grieving children, and offering them resources and education necessary; and

WHEREAS, in Charlotte County there are 740 children who will grieve the death of a parent by the time they turn 18; and

WHEREAS, the observance originated from Children's Grief Awareness Day, held annually on the third Thursday in November, and has evolved into a month-long campaign to raise awareness, reduce stigma and build a more grief-informed society; and

WHEREAS, many adults, though well-intentioned, are unprepared to help children navigate grief, and this month empowers communities to support grieving youth effectively; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of November, Valerie's House and similar organizations lead efforts to share grief support resources, and hosting awareness events to show grieving children that they are seen, supported, and not alone; and

WHEREAS, supporting grieving children is a collective responsibility, and Charlotte County, Florida encourages all residents to learn more, spread awareness, and offer meaningful support to children in grief.

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

Children's Grief Awareness Day

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 28th day of October 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By _____
Joseph. M. Tiseo, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hector Flores, County Administrator