



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is helping the poor in 153 countries, with 800,000 members in 48,000 Conferences, and 1.5 million volunteers and collaborators. Every day, it helps over 30 million people the world over; and

WHEREAS, today in the United States, Vincentians have grown to over 4,600 Conferences with over 146,000 members participating in home visits, visits to prisons, hospitals, elderly and others in need; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering, maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of these neighbors seeking help, especially this past year with back-to-back hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the district Council of Charlotte County has over 1,200 volunteers serving more than a million families and individuals in Southwest Florida since 1970. It provides free-of-charge, to those in need of assistance with food and clothing, furniture, and household items, rent and utility bills, education to improve earning potential, bus fares and parking, other miscellaneous client expenses and referrals for other services; and

WHEREAS, the donations of generous supporters provide St. Vincent de Paul with the resources to help the poor and needy in their struggles.

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

St. Vincent De Paul Day

and all residents who are able are encouraged to participate in the Friends of the Poor Walk on March 8, 2025, at Laishley Park, Punta Gorda.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 25th day of February 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