

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2026 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO RECOGNIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ITS EMPLOYEES AS FIRST RESPONDERS.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Charlotte County Department of Public Works ("Department") and Department personnel play a vital role in responding to county emergencies by supporting public safety emergency response partners, helping protect essential services, and restoring those essential services following emergencies; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the American Public Works Association ("APWA") created a national "*Public Works First Responder*" symbol to be used throughout North America to recognize public works professionals as "*First Responders*"; and

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System ("NIMS") includes Public Works alongside Police, Fire, and Public Health workers as an emergency support function; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Department and Department personnel represent an essential function protecting Charlotte County citizens and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida ("Board") has determined it is in the best interest of the county to recognize the Department and Department personnel as First Responders; and

WHEREAS, the Board would like to authorize the use of the "*Public Works First Responder*" symbol as adopted by the APWA, to raise awareness among citizens, government officials, and other first responders about the crucial role the Department plays in emergency management efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made part hereof by reference.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works and its' personnel are hereby recognized as First Responders.

Section 3. Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to use the "*Public Works First Responder*" symbol, as adopted by the APWA.

Section 4. The County Administrator, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 12th day of May, 2026.


**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Joseph M. Tiseo, Chairman

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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

By:  _____
Thomas M. David, County Attorney
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