

# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida is a non-profit agency dedicated to providing essential services to children who have been abused or neglected, including medical exams, forensic interviews, therapy, advocacy, and prevention education; and

**WHEREAS**, one out of five children will experience abuse before the age of eighteen, making child abuse and neglect a serious public health and safety concern; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can cause severe and lasting physical, intellectual, and emotional trauma, and in some cases result in death; and

**WHEREAS**, a coordinated, multidisciplinary response is critical to protecting children, and the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida works in partnership with law enforcement, the Department of Children and Families, the State Attorney's Office, and community-based care providers to investigate abuse, hold offenders accountable, and support healing for children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, every member of the community plays a vital role in strengthening families, building resilience, and ensuring children grow up in safe and nurturing environments; and

**WHEREAS**, Child Abuse Prevention Month serves as an important reminder of our shared responsibility to raise awareness, promote prevention efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the month of April 2026 shall be designated and observed in Charlotte County as

### *Child Abuse Prevention Month*

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph M. Tiseo, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Hector Flores, County Administrator