

R E S O L U T I O N  
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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, TO INITIATE LITIGATION TO ENFORCE ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS AND REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has adopted statutes and Charlotte County ("County") has adopted ordinances and regulations governing animal control, to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, violations of these statutes, ordinances, and regulations may result in dangerous conditions, threats to residents, and harm to animals; and

WHEREAS, the County has a compelling interest in ensuring compliance with animal control laws; and

WHEREAS, litigation may also be necessary to enforce compliance when voluntary measures and administrative remedies are insufficient.

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

Section 1. The County Attorney, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to initiate litigation, in the name of the County, to enforce animal control statutes, ordinances and regulations against violators.

Section 2. The County Attorney, or his or her designee, may file complaints, petitions, or other legal actions related to animal control enforcement and compliance,

with any administrative body and/or court of competent jurisdiction and may seek injunctive relief, fines, penalties, or other remedies as provided by law.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.



PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

**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  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By:   
Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney  
LR25-0071 

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk