

Charlotte County Florida



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Tourism is the single largest industry in the State of Florida, welcoming an estimated 143.3 million visitors in 2025, employing more than 2 million Floridians and infusing tens of billions in visitor spending revenue into the state economy; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte County welcomed over 1.1 million visitors in fiscal year 2025 and tourism provides an imported source of funds for the Charlotte County economy, making it one of its strongest revenue producers; and

WHEREAS, Tourism directly supported 10,740 jobs, generating over \$367 million in wages and salaries (and an additional Charlotte County job is supported by every 105 visitors); and tourism generated \$8.3 million in tourist development tax revenues; and visitors to Charlotte County saved local residents, on average, \$865 per household in taxes in FY2025; and tourism provided \$850 million in direct expenditures and a \$1.25 billion economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau markets Charlotte County to show how “Our Best Side is Outside,” and focuses on the promising infrastructure growth while preserving natural areas, which will assist in further positioning the Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast as a premier vacation, meetings and sporting events destination; and

WHEREAS, local taxes from tourism help pay for quality-of-life projects important to all Charlotte County residents such as infrastructure, schools, public safety, parks, and environmental programs. May 4 through 10, 2025, is celebrated across the nation and throughout the state, emphasizing the importance of travel and tourism to America’s economic, social and cultural well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the week of May 3rd – 9th 2026 shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

National Travel and Tourism Week

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 28th day of April 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 to the
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hector Flores, County Administrator