

PROCLAMATION

**HEREAS*, the citizens of Charlotte County understand the essential role that Community Gardens play in providing citizens with a sense of community ownership and stewardship; and

HEREAS, citizens of Charlotte County recognize the vital role that Community Gardens provide in relation to crime prevention, cultural opportunities and health benefits; and

HEREAS, Charlotte County is aware of the contributions made by the parks and recreation industry, as represented by the Florida Recreation and Park Association, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the University of Florida Extension Services in developing educational and desirable programs, giving gardeners dedicated spaces to foster the development of community identity, interact with youth; and

**HEREAS*, the citizens of Charlotte County recognize the ongoing effort and commitment to provide the public with an affordable and productive option for green space; and

HEREAS, the citizens of Charlotte County understand the importance of offering Community Gardens to our community with a foundation based upon healthy lifestyles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Month of December 2025, shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

Community Garden Month

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 25th day of November 2025