

## PROCLAMATION

##HEREAS, May is National Water Safety Month; and

\*\*HEREAS\*, Joshua and Christian DeMello both had a drowning accident January 16, 2010. Joshua passed away and Christian then later passed and joined his big twin brother three days later; and

\*\*HEREAS\*, Just Against Children Drowning (JACD) Foundation was established April 1, 2010 for the important role that education plays in improving water safety awareness cannot be overemphasized; and

**HEREAS**, sharing valuable information and facts about water safety is one of the most effective and successful ways to convey a potentially lifesaving message; and

\*\*HEREAS\*, to benefit the health and well-being of children in Florida through drowning prevention awareness campaigns and to educate the public of the importance of infant and toddler water training programs, along with fencing off backyard pool areas and alarming windows and doors exiting the pool, plus the importance of learning CPR; and

**HEREAS**, it takes a commitment from our community to prevent drowning and keep kids safe in and around the water.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the month of May 2025 is known in all of Charlotte County as

## Water Safety Awareness Month

and all residents are encouraged to support the  $13^{th}$  Annual JACD Bike Run on May  $10^{th}$  at Walmart, Kings Highway in Port Charlotte at 10:00 am.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025

	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ATTEST:	By Joseph M. Tiseo, Chairman
Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
	Hector Flores, County Administrator