

# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte County's only incorporated City of Punta Gorda was proclaimed to be Hibiscus City in 1926 when plantings were provided throughout the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the city adopted Resolution 2177-00 on March 1, 2000, reaffirming that designation as the City of Hibiscus; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte County resident Harry Goulding made Punta Gorda his home and devoted his talents to growing and producing hybrid hibiscus plants throughout his life, earning many awards such as the National American Hibiscus Society's Norman Brubaker Trophy for the Judges' Favorite Bloom of 1987 with "Harvest Moon" that he hybridized; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Punta Gorda Hibiscus Festival is held in the beautiful waterfront Gilchrist Park May 1 - 3, 2026, and includes the exciting Friday Night Music Festival featuring the best of our local talented musicians. The Opening Day Celebration begins Saturday morning with Mayor Dr. Deborah Lux unveiling this year's King and Queen of Hibiscus, followed by the darling Lil' Miss Hibiscus Pageant showcasing the young beauties of Charlotte County. Enjoy continuous musical entertainment with 2 stages to entertain you as you explore the beautiful flowers, plants, and yard art for your hokmen and business.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2026 shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

### *Hibiscus Day*

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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

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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:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hector Flores, County Administrator