

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Society of St Vincent d Paul is helping the poor in 153 countries, with 800,000 members in 48,000 Conferences, and 1.5 million volunteers and collaborators. Every day, it helps over 30 million people the world over; and

WHEREAS, today in the United States, Vincentians have grown to over 4,600 Conferences with over 146,000 members participating in home visits, visits to prisons, hospitals, elderly and others in need; and

BHEREAS, inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St Vincent de Paul leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering, maintaining the confidentially and digitally of these neighbors seeking help; and

WHEREAS, the society of Vincent de Paul in the district Council of Charlotte County has over 1,200 volunteers serving more than a million families and individuals in Southwest Florida since 1970. It provides, free-of-charge, to those in need of assistance with food and clothing, furniture, and household items, rent and utility bills, education to improve earning potential, bus fares and parking, other miscellaneous client expenses and referrals for other services; and

WHEREAS, the donations of generous supporters provide St Vincent de Paul with the resources to help the poor and needy in their struggles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that March 16, 2024, shall be known in Charlotte County as

St. Vincent De Paul Day

and all residents who are able are encouraged to participate in the Friends of the Poor Walk on March 16, 2024, 8:30 a.m., at Gilchrist Park to devote their talents to volunteering with the Society.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 12th day of March 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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William G. Truex, Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Hector Flores, County Administrator