***HEREAS**, the American Veterinary Medical Association recognizes the week of April 7th - April 13th as National Dog Bite Prevention Week and encourages local Animal Control agencies to join in this event; and

HEREAS, almost 1 in 5 people bitten by dogs require medical attention; and

HEREAS, in 2023, 425 animal bites were reported in Charlotte County; and

HEREAS, a percentage of dog bites could be prevented through public education and responsible dog ownership, and that dog bite prevention education is an important, but often omitted, component of safety education programs for children and adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the week of April 7 – 13, 2024 shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

Dog Bite Prevention Week

to recognize the need to increase awareness about preventing dog bites and creating safer environments for both people and dogs.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 26th day of March 2024

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Ву
ATTEST:	William G. Truex, Chairman
	APPROVED AS TO FORM
Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners	
Board of County Commissionion	Hector Flores, County Administrator