

# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, throughout the rich history of the United States, patriotic men and women have taken up arms and swore an oath to defend our nation, establishing an honorable tradition of dedicated serve; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 29, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were, upon their return home, caught in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 3 million men and women served in the Vietnam War with more than 58,000 making the ultimate sacrifice; more than 304,000 were wounded and more than 1,500 are still missing in action; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is recognized as one of the most military and veteran friendly states in the nation, with 1.5 million veterans calling the Sunshine State home. Florida is also home to more than 519,224 Vietnam-era veterans, making it the second largest population of Vietnam veterans in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the patriotism of those in uniform who continue to defend the timeless truths and great freedoms upon which our nation was founded will continue to make our state and nation proud, and serve as an inspiration for generations to come; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that March 29, 2024, shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

### *Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day*

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hector Flores, County Administrator