

# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Florida's Arbor Day is January 20, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, native trees and shrubs provide a haven for our quickly disappearing wildlife; they preserve the health of our population by reducing ever-increasing amounts of carbon dioxide in the air and creating oxygen essential for the survival of man; they filter the airborne pollutants and dust for the health and well being of the citizenry; and they retain soil with their root systems, preventing erosion; and

**WHEREAS**, their unplanned and uncontrolled removal causes unnecessary surface run-off, which causes increased costs to the county government by requiring extra maintenance of canals, swales and streets; and

**WHEREAS**, when left in their naturally formed clumps, native trees and shrubs retain moisture in the soil and are drought resistant, thereby alleviating the excessive and unnecessary drain on our seasonally hard pressed water supply; and play an important role in purifying water passing through the ground from the surface to ground water tables and lower aquifers; and

**WHEREAS**, large numbers of trees can be preserved through planning simple modifications of development practice, such as Charlotte County's excellent example of native tree plantings in front of the Administration Building.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the week of January 15 through January 21, 2017 shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

### *Native Tree and Shrub Preservation Week*

and all citizens are urged to protect and/or plant native trees and shrubs in their neighborhoods, thereby preserving a natural public resource for all Charlotte County's present and future citizens.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
William G. Truex, Chairman

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Roger Eaton, Clerk of Circuit  
Court and Ex-officio Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Raymond J. Sandroock, County Administrator