

# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, since 1976, Stephen B. Russell has served the citizens of Charlotte, County as a dedicated and focused prosecutor with the Office of the State Attorney, Twentieth Judicial Circuit, prosecuting more than 2,000 criminal cases and supervising the prosecution of tens of thousands more; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen B. Russell's "victims first" attitude and tenacious support of law enforcement was rewarded in September 2002 when voters elected him as the State Attorney for the 20th Judicial Circuit, and then reelected him to three more four year terms, until his retirement in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, under his direction, the State Attorney's Office unfailingly supported strong and effective mental health and drug courts, Veteran's Courts, and, diversion programs; and

**WHEREAS**, under his direction, the State Attorney's Office vigorously prosecuted homicides, cold case homicides, economic crimes, elder exploitation crimes, and habitual offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, with his substantial support of the Stop Turning Out Prisoners initiative the Florida Legislature passed legislation requiring inmates to serve no less than 85% of their sentences, and thereby made this state a much safer place for all to live; and

**WHEREAS**, under Stephen B. Russell's leadership, Southwest Florida, including Charlotte County enjoys the lowest crime rate in the State of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida, wishes to express its recognition and respect for the invaluable contributions that Stephen B. Russell has made to our community.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth W. Doherty, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Roger D. 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. Sandrock, County Administrator