



The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

Whereas, November 22nd through 29th is National Farm-City Week, a time set aside to recognize and honor the contributions of the country's agriculturalists and to strengthen the bond between urban and rural citizens; and

Whereas, in Southwest Florida's five-county region including Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee Counties...the agricultural and natural resources industries contribute nearly 8 billion dollars annually to Southwest Florida's economy; and

Whereas, over 40% of the land in the five-county region is in agriculture, totaling over 1.3 million acres; and

Whereas, this agricultural land mass contributes immensely to the region's water recharge and wildlife habitat and the region's farmers, growers and ranchers have been good stewards of the land for generations; and

Whereas, The University of Florida's Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences and Florida Gulf Coast University's Center for Agribusiness provide valuable information and educational support for the region's agricultural industries and residents alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida proclaims November 7th as

FARM-CITY WEEK

in Lee County and encourages all citizens to pause and recognize the contributions of our local farmers, farmworkers, growers and ranchers to our economy, our food supply, and our society.

Duly executed this 7th day of November 2023.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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Chairman