

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers began in 1981 and continues to be a very successful and worthwhile community program. Crime Stopper serves Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Lee counties and is designed to solve crimes with the help of concerned citizens, by offering reward money and complete anonymity for information that assists in bringing criminals face to face with justice; and

Whereas, in 1994, Student Crime Stoppers was implemented in Charlotte and Lee Counties middle and high schools and continues today. Operating in exactly the same fashion, Student Crime Stoppers and Crime Stoppers combine to make Southwest Florida a safer place to live; and

Whereas, Crime Stoppers is a 501c(3) organization supported by donations of money, goods and services. These donations enable Crime Stoppers to replenish their reward accounts and profile unsolved felony crimes through print, radio and television media along with billboards, posters and advertising on LeeTran buses; and

Whereas, over the past 43 years, Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers tips have resulted in nearly 4 million in recovered property and nearly 15.4 million in narcotics seized. Additionally, 21,191 arrests have resulted in the closure of nearly 22,000 cases. To date, cash rewards in excess of \$2.3 million have been distributed; and

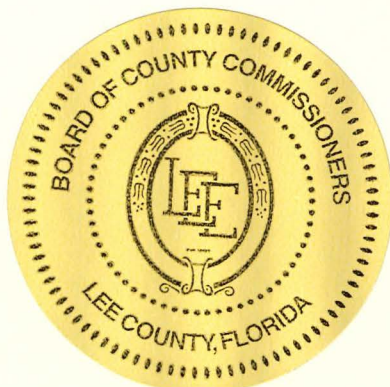
Whereas, Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers is celebrating its 43rd year of service to Southwest Florida, and its board members are very proud of the program's accomplishments, and they look forward to many more years of its partnership with the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida proclaims the month of September as

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CRIME STOPPERS MONTH

in Lee County and encourages all citizens to support the work of this very worthwhile program that helps to keep our community safe.

Duly executed this 3rd day of September 2024.



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CHAIRMAN