



The Board of County Commissioners **RESOLUTION**

- WHEREAS, United Way formed as an organization in 1957 to be a grassroots, volunteer driven, neighbor helping neighbor movement that solves community problems and continues with that same philosophy today; and
- WHEREAS, Cliff Smith served the United Way of Lee County for 26 years, expanding its programs to Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Counties and growing its workforce to over 40 employees; and
- WHEREAS, he helped to raise more than \$157 million in campaign donations; and
- WHEREAS, he increased the number of United Way partnering agencies to 96 and increased the United Way network of neighborhood houses to 19; and
- WHEREAS, Cliff created United Way 211 for our community that fields tens of thousands of calls each year connecting individuals to needed programs and services; and
- WHEREAS, he worked to bring Mission United to better serve our veterans; had the knowledge and vision to help start programs such as We Care and Beyond School Walls; identified and encouraged programs such as VITA, Reading Pals, and United Gifts in Kind; and
- WHEREAS, Cliff led the community during its times of need for events such as Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Charley, the Water Quality Crisis, and the federal shutdown; and
- WHEREAS, he acted as a source of wisdom and vision for community leaders and agency directors along with countless hours and non-tangible benefits that will touch our community for years to come; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby recognize the respected and loved, Cliff Smith, President of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Counties for his dedicated service to the community.

Duly executed this 18th day of June 2019



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA


Vice Chair