

**PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
*March 31, 2021*

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**  
**ITEM 1**

**Commemoration of Charlotte County Centennial**

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**Presenter -**

Alan Maio, Chairman

**Recommended Action -**

**Motion** to approve Resolution 2021-04 'Commemoration of Charlotte County Centennial'.

**Attachments:**

Resolution 2021-04

**PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

**Resolution 2021 – 04**

**COMMEMORATION OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY CENTENNIAL**

The Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, created pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and interlocal agreement pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, in lawful session and in regular order of business properly presented, finds that:

**WHEREAS**, Southwest Florida was largely uninhabited until settlers established the Neighborhood of Charlotte Harbor after the Civil War; and

**WHEREAS**, Stores and businesses grew to supply the early settlers with development beginning in the early 1900s; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte County was created on April 23, 1921 when Governor Cary A. Hardee signed a bill dividing DeSoto County into five counties: Charlotte, Hardee, Highlands, Glades and DeSoto; and

**WHEREAS**, In the post-World War II period vacationers from the north returned year after year, to enjoy sport fishing, boating and the natural environment: and

**WEREAS**, Home sites in Port Charlotte were marketed in northern newspapers and magazines in the 1950s and 1960s with many new residents and Charlotte County began to take shape; and

**WEREAS**, During the past century the population of Charlotte County has grown from under 4,000 to over 180,000 residents; and

**WEREAS**, Today Charlotte County is a vibrant and thriving community and a regional partner joining cooperatively with DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties in assuring a reliable and safe water supply for the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority does hereby join in commemorating Charlotte County on its Centennial celebration.

**Done** at Port Charlotte, Florida, this Thirty-First day of March 2021.

Attest:

**Peace River Manasota**  
Regional Water Supply Authority

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Patrick J. Lehman, Executive Director

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Commissioner Alan Maio, Chairman

Approved as to Form:

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Douglas Manson, General Counsel for  
Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority