

PROCLAMATION



State of Florida
Collier County
City of Marco Island

MARCO ISLAND HOUSES OF WORSHIP RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Marco Island, Florida, is home to a welcoming and diverse religious community—including the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, United Church of Marco Island, New Life Community Church, Marco Presbyterian Church, First Baptist – The Family Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, San Marco Catholic Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and Marco Lutheran Church—whose worship, fellowship, and service enrich the lives of residents and strengthen our community; and

WHEREAS, through outreach ministries, educational programs, and fellowship opportunities, these institutions provide meaningful support to families and individuals in our community and surrounding areas with food pantries, tutoring programs, scholarship initiatives, Camp Able, cultural and charitable events, as well as community gatherings that foster friendships and connection such as Easter Sunrise Service, Coffee & Conversation, and Bingo.

WHEREAS, the City of Marco Island recognizes and values the strong partnership between its religious organizations and civic institutions, which includes: offering of City Council invocations, staff appreciation events, and collaboration with police and fire personnel to promote public safety, service, and community support; and

WHEREAS, the combined efforts of these houses of worship exemplify the spirit of unity, generosity, and service that defines Marco Island and enhances the quality of life for all who live in and visit our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Marco Island, Florida, does hereby express its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the faith-based organizations and congregations whose dedication, compassion, and shared commitment continue to strengthen the fabric of our community.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS 16th day of March, 2026.

Darin Palumbo, Chairman

ATTEST

Joan Taylor, City Clerk