

**Before the Board of County Commissioners  
Martin County, Florida**

**A Proclamation**

**Declaring Charles F. Chapman School of Seamanship Week in Martin  
County, Florida**

**Whereas,** Martin County has always had a close relationship with the sea, both in terms of cultural influence and in terms of commerce; and

**Whereas,** maritime discovery, exploration, development, conservation and recreation have, at various times, all had an influence upon Martin County; and

**Whereas,** many citizens of Martin County depend upon the marine industry for their livelihood; and

**Whereas,** the Chapman School of Seamanship, a Maritime Center of Excellence, offers VA approved programs, career training programs, recreational boating programs and summer youth boating programs; and

**Whereas,** the Chapman School of Seamanship, located in Stuart, Florida, has been recognized as The Maritime School of Florida by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Florida since 1983.

**Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that, for its contributions to the citizens of our county and our nation, February 22-28, 2026 be recognized as Chapman School of Seamanship week in Martin County.**

**Presented this Twenty-fourth Day of February 2026**

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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CAROLYN TIMMANN, CLERK OF THE  
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