PROCLAMATION

OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JOSHUA MARZOLF FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AND SEMINOLE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of our Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force demonstrate a resolute spirit and unmatched selflessness, reminding us there are few things more American than giving of ourselves to make a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, generations of service members have answered the call to leave their families, their jobs, and put their futures and even their lives on the line to valiantly defend our nation; and

WHEREAS, for many service members, the sacrifice has ended in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the continued preservation of our freedoms and the promise of liberty; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 30,000 living veterans in Seminole County who served our Nation in times of peace and war. Through their service, they kept America strong; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Joshua Marzolf enlisted in the Army in July 2003, serving honorably until 2010. He transitioned to the Army National Guard and is still serving today. He has multiple combat deployments to Iraq, Syria, and Qatar as a Communication Systems Specialist for field artillery. In 2005, he was assigned as security to the courtroom for the trial of Saddam Hussein, and in 2010, he provided communication between remote areas of Syria and international command areas, aiding rocket missions that pushed ISIS out of Syria; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Joshua Marzolf joined the Seminole County Fire Department in 2015, already having 4 years of experience. He currently heads "EMS 1," acting as a hospital liaison to ensure patient load is evenly spread among hospitals and being the point person on high-risk medical calls. He uses his 20-year military experience to not only help County residents, but also to lead the Fire Department's Peer Support Team, a confidential resource to assist his department in connecting with needed resources to decompress and talk about stressful events on and off duty; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Joshua Marzolf has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States of America, the United States Army, and Seminole County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, express our gratitude, admiration, and respect for Sergeant First Class Joshua Marzolf, for his outstanding service to the United States Army and residents of Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation is presented to Sergeant First Class Joshua Marzolf, along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's

"Veteran of the Month"

ADOPTED this 14th day of May 2024.