

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER SPECIALIST NED VOSKA 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, Communications Specialist Ned Voska, is the proud son of a Yugoslavian Officer who went Missing in Action during WWII. When he was 10 years of age, he was sent to Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany for 6 months and was transferred to Limberg concentration camp for another 7 months; and

WHEREAS, Communications Specialist Ned Voska, upon liberation from the German concentration camp and weighing only 47 pounds, was reunited with his family in 1950. He then obtained his VISA, and came to the United States through Ellis Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Communications Specialist Ned Voska wanted to say thank you to the United States for his and his family's liberation. He enlisted in the Air Force in January 1954 and obtained his United States citizenship in 1956 while still on active duty. He served Honorably until October 1957; and

WHEREAS, Communications Specialist Ned Voska moved to Winter Springs in 1962. From 1963 to 1972 he and two others served on the Vice Squad for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office combating LSD drug trafficking. He then became self-employed as a Mechanical Contractor serving the community until his retirement in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Communications Specialist Ned Voska has been a life member for over 30 years of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a former Vice-Commander for the American Legion Post 243. He also had perfect membership in the Oviedo Rotary Club for 25 years, and has been married for 66 wonderful years; and

WHEREAS, Communications Specialist Ned Voska has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States of America, the United States Air Force, 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 Communications Center Specialist Ned Voska, for his outstanding service to the United States Air Force and residents of Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation is presented to Communications Center Specialist Ned Voska, along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's

"Veteran of the Month"

ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2024.



Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners

