PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, small cities and towns under 50,000 population are the home to millions of Americans and constitute the vast majority of municipalities across the United States: and

WHEREAS, small cities and towns strive to strengthen their respective communities through the provision of services and programs to improve the quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is an essential partner in the success of small cities and towns, and must be encouraged to continue to support legislation and programs that strengthen small communities; and

WHEREAS, state governments are partners in the success of small cities and towns, and must be encouraged to continue to support key programs and legislation that strengthen communities, and support "Home Rule" of said communities; and

WHEREAS, organizations, businesses, and citizens are partners in the success of small cities and towns, and must be encouraged to continue to grow their efforts to make small communities a viable choice for people to live in; and

WHEREAS, during these challenging economic times, the need for a renewed intergovernmental partnership to support essential public services is more important than ever to ensure the safety and growth of "small town America;" and
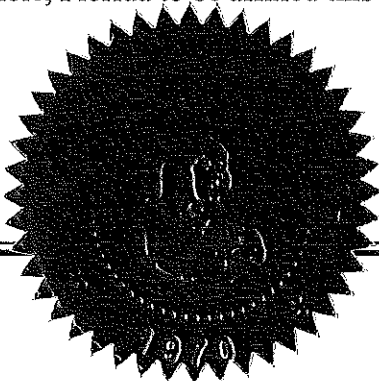
WHEREAS, the National League of Cities President *and* the Small Cities Council of the National League of Cities have declared July 2019 as **Small Cities Month**; and

WHEREAS, President Trump, Congress, State Legislatures, businesses, organizations and all citizens are encouraged to recognize this event, and to work together this month, and throughout the year, to invest in small cities and towns to better the lives of citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Seminole, Florida, does hereby proclaim July 2019, as "Small Cities Month"

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 9th day of July, 2019.

Leslie Waters, Mayor