



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC FL) was established in 1895 as a service organization addressing and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, GFWC FL was admitted to membership into the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) on January 25, 1898; and

WHEREAS, GFWC, was chartered by the 56th Congress of the United States and it was designated that the Federation be headquartered in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, GFWC FL established a permanent headquarters in Lakeland Florida in 1956; and

WHEREAS, in November 1922, Junior work was adopted as a division of the senior membership; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, a sub-Junior group of high school girls were formed now called Junioresettes; and

WHEREAS, GFWC Clubwomen, having founded over 474 free public libraries and 4,655 traveling libraries, were credited by the American Library Association with establishing 75 percent of America's Public Libraries; and

WHEREAS, GFWC Clubwomen, having worked for the right to vote, is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, GFWC FL made a Forest Reservation on Paradise Key, later the heart of Royal Palm State Park, and on December 6, 1947 presented Royal Palm State Park to the United States government in a ceremony attended by President Harry S. Truman; now known as the Florida Everglades National Park; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970's GFWC Clubwomen began the sponsorship of Hacienda Girls Ranch in Melbourne, Florida; Sponsored Trout Pont, the only recreational park for the handicapped in the United States at that time and sponsored individuals in the International Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, GFWC FL furnished a suite and conference room at Winn-Dixie Hope Lodge for cancer treatment patients at Shands Hospital; provided energy conservation materials KEEP IT FLORIDA - Offalot energy program; Education Scholarships for young Cancer Survivors, sponsored a mission to Venezuela with Operation Smile, supported Heifer International and Canine Companions for Independence the Wounded Warrior Program; and

WHEREAS, GFWC FL has addressed legislative issues that has led to the passage of the Child Labor bill, Compulsory Education bill, Fire Protection for Schools bill, the Violence Against Women Act and Miranda's Law; and

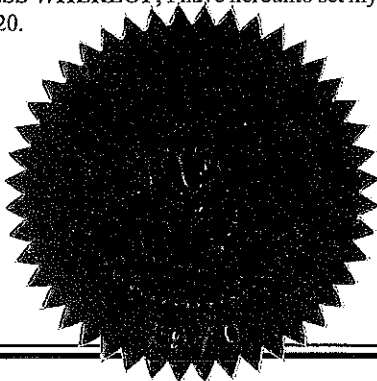
WHEREAS, GFWC FL has met in Orlando, Florida for their Annual Conventions and Board of Directors meetings supporting and enhancing the economy of the Orlando Community; and

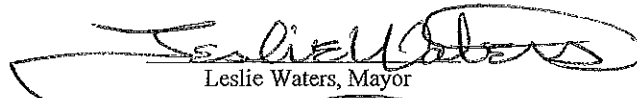
WHEREAS, today, we celebrate GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs 125th anniversary and GFWC's 130th anniversary and commemorate the organization's rich history in community service, decades of accomplishments and a legacy of "Living the Volunteer Spirit".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Leslie Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby Proclaim Saturday, May 16, 2020

"GFWC Florida Day"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2020.




Leslie Waters, Mayor