



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Monday, January 22, 2024, Seminole High School Band Director, Gerard Madrinan, was named the 2024 Pinellas County Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Director Madrinan grew up in Seminole, graduating from Seminole High School before attending the University of South Florida where he earned both a Bachelor and Master of Arts in Music; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2007, he began working as a full-time Music Teacher in Pinellas County, and in August of 2013, he began working as the full-time Music Teacher and Band Director at Seminole High School; and

WHEREAS, Director Madrinan has been a High School Band Director for almost eleven years, and during his tenure, has been awarded the Kraft-Kuster Outstanding Educator Award and recognized as the Pinellas County Music Educators Association Secondary Teacher of the Year and Pinellas County Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Director Madrinan has upheld the Seminole Warhawk Marching Band's legacy, as the Band, under his direction, has had the honor of being invited to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and multiple times to the Tournament of the Roses Parades in Pasadena, California; and

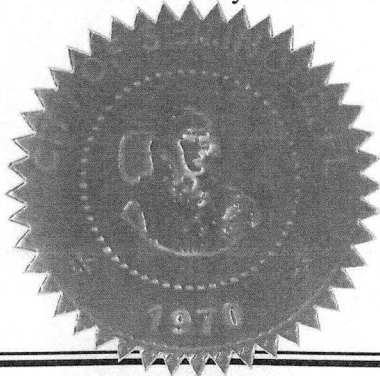
WHEREAS, while Band Director, Madrinan and the Seminole Warhawk Band have earned many awards and accolades including the 2018 and 2022 Florida Marching Band Coalition State Championship, multiple Florida Marching Band Coalition Regional Grand Championships, Bands of America Regional Finalist multiple times, 2021 Florida Federation of Color Guards State Champions, multiple Winter Guard International National Finalists, and have an amazing 34-year streak of Superior Ratings at District Concert Band Assessment, the longest streak in the Tampa Bay area, this year, 2024, the Seminole Warhawk Band received 180 Superior medals at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival and 106 Superior medals at the State level, the most in the Tampa Bay area; and

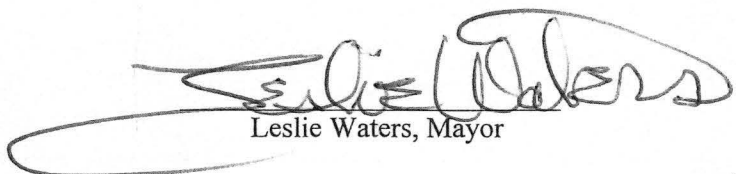
WHEREAS, Gerard Madrinan is not only one of the best Band Directors in the nation, he is a dedicated educator and mentor that shows, by example, the importance of dedication and hard work, skills that will serve all his students well regardless of their respective life paths; and

THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida, do hereby Proclaim this 26th day of March 2024 as

“Gerard Madrinan Day”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this day of March 26, 2024.




Leslie Waters, Mayor