



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seminole, Florida, has always supported its military veteran population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of good will among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly – make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seminole has largely, highly decorated, veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seminole appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned; and

**WHEREAS**, August 7<sup>th</sup> each year is Purple Heart Day.

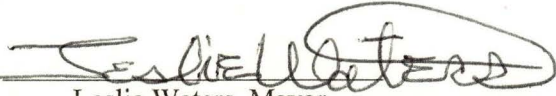
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida, on behalf of the City Council do hereby Proclaim this month of August 2024, as

## ***“PURPLE HEART MONTH”***

and encourage the citizens of the City of Seminole to show their appreciation for the sacrifices all Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have so selflessly earned.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2024.



  
Leslie Waters, Mayor