

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, the City of Seminole is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living and visiting our community; and

*WHEREAS*, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

*WHEREAS*, most of the electronics used in homes daily — including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys — are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

*WHEREAS*, the National Fire Protection Association reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

*WHEREAS*, residents should follow three key calls to action: buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

*WHEREAS*, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

*WHEREAS*, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Seminole's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

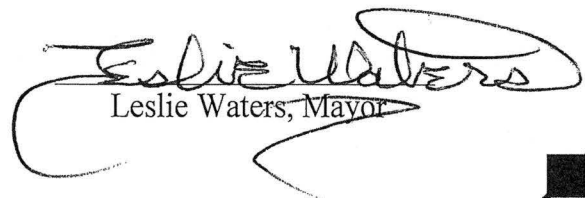
*WHEREAS*, the 2025 Fire Prevention Month theme, **"Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,"** serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities; and

**THEREFORE**, I, Leslie Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida, do hereby Proclaim the month of October 2025, as:

## ***"Fire Prevention Month"***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida, to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.



  
Leslie Waters, Mayor