

RESOLUTION
of the
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
CHURCH, IN SANFORD FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Episcopal Church, is known as the “Mother Church” in what is now the Diocese of Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Church of the Holy Cross was consecrated in April 1873, on land provided by General Henry Sanford, particularly Gertrude Sanford; and

WHEREAS, The Church of the Holy Cross as it was known, was destroyed by a hurricane in 1880, rebuilt and later destroyed by a fire in 1923; and

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Episcopal Church was rebuilt and is currently located at the corner of Park Avenue and 4th Street in downtown Sanford; and

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Episcopal Church members founded Grace ‘n Grits, a program intended to feed the hungry, and also the Christian Sharing Center which offers shelter, food, clothing, and jobs to people in need; and

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Episcopal Church provides assistance to citizens in need through several charitable organizations including: Safehouse of Seminole, a home for abused women and children; Habitat for Humanity; United Thank Offering; Christian Pregnancy Center of Sanford; Camp Wingman Children’s Scholarships; and the Diocesan Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Episcopal Church looks forward to a bright future that will continue to impact individual lives and share God’s love and compassion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge with appreciation the 150 years of service provided to Seminole County by Holy Cross Episcopal Church, and commends their leadership and members for the dedication and commitment to aid in the lives of the citizens in Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this 150th Anniversary Resolution recognizing Holy Cross Episcopal Church be presented along with our sincerest congratulations and continued support.

ADOPTED this 28th day of March 2023



Amy Lockhart, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners