

**RESOLUTION
OF
THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PEO STRI FOR THE MODELING,
SIMULATION & TRAINING INDUSTRY IN SEMINOLE COUNTY AND
CENTRAL FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Central Florida has been the home to the Program Executive Office Simulation Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) for over 50 years, serving as the sole Army acquisitions headquarters within the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Central Florida is the epicenter for Modeling, Simulation and Training, spanning full lifecycle support from next generation technology, test and training, operational support, to sustainment; and

WHEREAS, the Army currently manages an approximate \$2.6 billion acquisition portfolio, over 300 programs, and 300,000 fielded systems that span the globe from this nucleus; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida region is a hub for foreign military sales (FMS) expertise, an increasingly in-demand skillset that expedites command and control system integration and generates exponential partnership possibilities on new technologies; and

WHEREAS, within the Central Florida location, the Army manages over 350 Foreign Military Sales (FMS) cases across 66 countries, a case value of \$2.9 billion, spanning Africa, Europe, the Indo-Pacific and Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, the coupling of the National Center for Simulation (NCS) with the Team Orlando military commands in Central Florida has brought about a \$11.6 billion economic impact and has driven over 30,000 high-wage jobs with an average salary above \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has invested \$160 million in PEO STRI, securing a 450,000 square foot office space at no cost to the Army; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County is an important part of the Modeling, Simulation & Training (MS&T) ecosystem in Central Florida, with many companies, and nearly 1,000 Seminole County residents directly employed by the Team Orlando military and several thousand employed by industry and academia; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Defense is in the process of restructuring within the Army to replace numerous specialized Program Executive Offices (PEOs) with fewer, broader Portfolio Acquisition Executives (PAEs), which has the potential to impact the PEO STRI in Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Congressional Delegation has made the case before the U.S. Department of Defense to keep the Portfolio Acquisition Executives (PAEs) for Army acquisitions headquartered in Central Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, do hereby recognize the importance of Team Orlando, and specifically the PEO STRI for the Modeling, Simulation & Training (MS&T) industry in Seminole County and Central Florida.

