

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING
UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST DENNIS WOODCUM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AND SEMINOLE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of our Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force demonstrate a resolute spirit and unmatched selflessness, reminding us there are few things more American than giving of ourselves to make a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, generations of service members have answered the call to leave their families, their jobs, and put their futures and even their lives on the line to valiantly defend our nation; and

WHEREAS, for many service members, the sacrifice has ended in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the continued preservation of our freedoms and the promise of liberty; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 30,000 living veterans in Seminole County who served our Nation in times of peace and war. Through their service, they kept America strong; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Dennis Woodcum was an Equipment Specialist in the United States Army from 1970–1973, where he served one tour in Vietnam. He has multiple decorations, including the Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Dennis Woodcum, after separating from the U.S. Army, held various occupations which include the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Underseas Testing and Evaluation Program, U.S. Air Force's Titan Missile Program, and Air Force Civil Service at Patrick Space Force Base. In 2013, he also completed an Advanced Standing Master of Social Work degree at age 62; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Dennis Woodcum is the current Post Service Officer at the American Legion Post 53 in Sanford, a volunteer on the Seminole County Veterans Advisory Council, the Seminole County Homeless Veterans Stand Down Committee, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Additionally, since 2016, he has been the Seminole County Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Coordinator where he is responsible for assigning mentors to clients who are in court diversion programs; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Dennis Woodcum has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States of America, the United States Army, and Seminole County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, express our gratitude, admiration, and respect for Specialist Dennis Woodcum, for his outstanding service to the United States Army and residents of Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation is presented to Specialist Dennis Woodcum, along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's

“Veteran of the Month”

ADOPTED this 22nd day of October 2024.



Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners