RESOLUTION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF
COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, many Americans are one civil legal problem away from falling into poverty or further into poverty; and

WHEREAS, annually, 3 out of 4 low-income American households experience at least one civil legal problem, and yet 92% of these households do not get any or enough legal help for their civil legal problems; and

WHEREAS, Community Legal Services has served the residents of Brevard, Citrus, Flagler, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Osceola, Orange, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia counties for six decades since its founding in 1966 through the provision of no-cost legal services for those who could not otherwise gain access to counsel; and

WHEREAS, the communities served by Community Legal Services include low-income Floridians and their families, seniors, veterans, survivors of domestic violence, children with disabilities, disaster survivors, and other at-risk individuals facing critical hardships, such as the potential loss of a home, fraudulent contracts, financial instability, denial of benefits, barriers to securing housing, challenges in disaster recovery, and the need to obtain legal protections; and

WHEREAS, through its dedicated staff and the hundreds of pro bono attorneys who have volunteered their time over the decades, Community Legal Services has served our clients with more than 300,000 civil legal cases and committed more than one million hours of direct legal assistance for Floridians over the past six decades, embodying its commitment to Legal Access for All, thus strengthening communities and economic stability across its service area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby recognize and commend Community Legal Services for its 60 years of service and dedication to its mission: to provide no-cost legal services to the most vulnerable in Central Florida and help them protect their families, health, and livelihoods.

ADOPTED this 24th day of February 2026

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Andria Herr, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners