

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING UNITED
STATES MARINE CORPS MASTER SERGEANT GERRY MARINO 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. By their service, they kept America strong; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Gerry Marino enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1975 and rose through the ranks to Master Sergeant while in the Marine Corps Reserves. He officially retired in April 1999, culminating nearly 24 years of active and reserve military service; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Gerry Marino served as a Truck Driver and Administration Officer in the JAG Corps at the Pentagon during the Gulf War era. The highlight of his career was serving in the JAG Corps Reserve Center in Orlando, FL. He earned various awards including Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards); and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Gerry Marino retired from the Marine Corps but simultaneously worked as a Seminole County High School teacher, a Valencia College Adjunct Professor, and a Telecommunication entrepreneur from 1978 to 2002. He then opened his own business, JET Home remodeling and consulting which is still in operation in Winter Springs, FL; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Gerry Marino has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States of America, the United States Marine Corp, 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 Master Sergeant Gerry Marino, for his outstanding service to the United States Marine Corps and residents of Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation be presented to Master Sergeant Gerry Marino, along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's Veteran of the Month.

ADOPTED this 24th day of January 2023.



Amy Lockhart, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners