

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2025
AS NATIONAL ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, every October, communities across the United States observe National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month to raise awareness of the countless dogs in shelters and rescues awaiting loving, permanent homes; and

WHEREAS, millions of dogs enter shelters each year, many of whom are victims of neglect, abandonment, or circumstances beyond their control, and adoption provides them with a second chance at life; and

WHEREAS, adopting a shelter dog not only saves that animal’s life, but also opens space for other animals in need, helping shelters continue their vital work; and

WHEREAS, shelter and rescue organizations, along with their dedicated staff and volunteers, provide critical care, rehabilitation, and placement services for homeless animals throughout Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County Animal Services provides compassionate care and shelter for thousands of homeless, abandoned, and surrendered animals annually, while working tirelessly to reunite lost pets with their families and to place adoptable animals into safe, loving homes; and

WHEREAS, the staff and volunteers of Seminole County Animal Services partner with rescues, fosters, and community organizations to promote adoption, responsible pet ownership, and the importance of spaying and neutering to reduce pet overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, adopting a shelter dog brings joy, companionship, and health benefits to families and individuals, while also strengthening the bond between people and animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, do hereby proclaim October, 2025, as

National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

in Seminole County, Fl

ADOPTED this 14th day of October 2025

**Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners**