## PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING BONNIE SPRUNG AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2024 ARTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners and the Seminole Cultural Arts Council (SCAC) acknowledge the significant role that the arts play in the quality of life of the residents of Seminole County and support the Artist of the Year program; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners wishes to acknowledge the contributions of individual Cultural Artists (performers, visual artists, historians, and authors) as Artist of the Year, who have contributed to the enrichment of Seminole County, and who are active in the community for the advancement of the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners will honor local artist Bonnie Sprung, who is a set and stage designer, photographer, scene painter, graphics artist, magazine writer, fine art painter, and art instructor; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie, a resident of Altamonte Springs, earned an Associate of Arts degree at Valencia Community College and a Bachelor of Art from Hofstra University in New York, ultimately with a major in Theatrical Production and a minor in Graphics Design, owns Uniquely Sprung Art Studio, and is known throughout Central Florida and New York for her hundreds of innovative set designs which are in high demand for both large and small theaters, and as a creative theatrical manager employing her expertise in makeup, perspective drawing, scene painting, 2- and 3- dimensional design, drafting, and layout; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Sprung has free-lanced as a graphics artist, magazine photographer and writer, mastered the art of theatrical photography including actors' head shots and capturing bodybuilders on film, had her photographic works published, and now owns Muscular Motion Gym in pursuit of her love of fitness; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie has more than 30 years' experience curating and judging art exhibits and high school thespian competitions, shows her own award-winning paintings including large portraits, mixed media works, and photography at solo and group exhibits, creates and sells wearable art, and being green-minded, produces unique disc art from CDs and DVDs, conducts art demonstrations and workshops, and has her works in both public galleries and private collections; and

**WHEREAS**, Bonnie is a past-president and member of the Florida Chapter of Women's Caucus for Art, was on the Red Chair Orlando project, and has been an indispensable member of the SCAC board for more than 10 years, volunteering for every fundraiser and event in support of SCAC and art and culture in Seminole County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners wishes to commend Bonnie Sprung for her promotion of the arts throughout Seminole County and Central Florida.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that this Proclamation be spread upon the Official Minutes by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Seminole and presented to Bonnie Sprung with best wishes on her selection as 2024 Artist of the Year.

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Jay Zembower, Chairman

**ADOPTED**, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.