PROCLAMATION OF THE

SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2025 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month heritage began as Hispanic Week, established by legislation sponsored by Rep. Edward Roybal of Los Angeles and was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the commemorative week was expanded to a month – September 15 to October 15 - by legislation sponsored by Rep. Esteban Torres, amended by Sen. Paul Simon, and signed into law by President Ronal Reagan; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year and especially during Hispanic Heritage Month, Americans embrace, honor, and celebrate the Hispanic community and its traditions and contributions; and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic community in Seminole County encompasses a spectrum of backgrounds, including but not limited to Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, Salvadoran, Colombian, Venezuelan, and many more, each bringing unique customs, languages, and traditions that enhance the diversity of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community in Seminole County has made significant contributions to the fields of education, business, science, technology, arts, and public service, enriching the lives of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity for all residents of Seminole County to learn about and appreciate the diverse cultures, histories, and accomplishments of Hispanic individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of acknowledging and celebrating the Hispanic heritage that has played a vital role in shaping our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, do hereby proclaim, September 15 – October 15, 2025, as

Hispanic Heritage Month

in Seminole County, Fl

ADOPTED this 23rd day of September 2025

Jay Zembower, Chairman Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners