PROCLAMATION

OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SERGEANT LAURENCE KAYNE 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. Through their service, they kept America strong; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Laurence Kayne enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1975 and separated in 1982. He was a Missile Systems Maintenance Mechanic and was cross-trained as an Instrumentation Specialist. He was the recipient of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, and the Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon with Bronze Star, among others; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Laurence Kayne, stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. He was the Crew Chief who worked with a civilian contractor to redesign a 40-foot semi-trailer to be used to capture telemetry data in support of the MX Missile Program, which tested the durability of Nuclear Weapons Silos; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Laurence Kayne moved to Oviedo in 1992. He was a Senior Program Quality Assurance Engineer with Science Application International Corporation until 2000. He then transitioned to work with Computer Simulation as a Chief Operation Officer until he was promoted to President in 2015. In 2019, he opened his own business consulting firm. Currently, he is active as Vice Commander with the American Legion Post 243 in Oviedo and is the President of the Gary Sinise Foundation Florida Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Laurence Kayne has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States of America, the United States Air Force, 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 Sergeant Laurence Kayne, for his outstanding service to the United States Air Force and residents of Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation is presented to Sergeant Laurence Kayne, along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's

"Veteran of the Month"

ADOPTED this 23rd day of July 2024.

Jay Zembower, Chairman Seminole County Board of County Commissioners