

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 11, 2025
VETERANS DAY IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
AND RECOGNIZING SEMINOLE COUNTY VETERANS FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES**

WHEREAS, at 11:00 AM on November 11, 1918, after four years of bitter conflict, the world rejoiced and celebrated the signing of an Armistice by the Allied Forces and the Federal Republic of Germany for the cessation of World War I; and

WHEREAS, to remember the sacrifices that men and women made to ensure lasting peace, on November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Armistice Day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1926, the United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue a proclamation to observe November 11th with appropriate ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 1938, twenty years after World War I, Congress passed an Act making November 11th in each year a federal holiday, a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day"; and

WHEREAS, to honor all American veterans of all wars, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law a bill on June 1, 1954, introduced by U.S. Representative Edwin Rees of Kansas, officially renaming Armistice Day to Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, President Richard Nixon declared Veterans Day would be observed on the second Monday in November; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the historic and patriotic significance of commemorating Veterans Day on its original date, President Gerald Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479) on September 20, 1975, returning the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11th; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition from military to civilian life each year, returning to communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers invite the community to join Operation Green Light for Veterans, a program symbolizing hope, renewal, and forward movement in support of veterans transitioning to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, in observance of Operation Green Light, Seminole County encourages its citizens to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans by displaying a green light in a window of their home or place of business from November 4th through November 11th; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners does hereby designate November 11, 2025 as

Veterans Day

in Seminole County, Florida and calls upon all Seminole County residents to honor the contributions of current and former members of the United States Armed Services.

ADOPTED this 28th day of October 2025.



Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners