## PROCLAMATION OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 10 – 17, 2024 AS NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, Seminole County Government, in partnership with the National Entrepreneur Center, is resolutely dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship and the growth of startup ventures, acknowledging these entrepreneurs and innovative businesses as the cornerstone of our community's economic prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit of Seminole County that 77% of businesses within the County are comprised of less than ten employees, showcasing a robust landscape of small businesses and entrepreneurs that form the backbone of our local economy; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Entrepreneur Center offerings encompass a broad spectrum of support, including research, training, connections, and mentorship, all meticulously designed to equip entrepreneurs with the tools they need for success; and

WHEREAS, the National Entrepreneur Center seasoned business experts possess a profound understanding of for-profit enterprises, as well as the unique dynamics of nonprofit organizations, enabling them to offer unparalleled counsel aimed at magnifying your impact on the region's cultural landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Entrepreneur Center is committed to offering quality educational programming, ensuring that entrepreneurs receive the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complexities of the business world; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the National Entrepreneur Center's resident business support organization has embarked on a mission to coach and train Central Florida businesses in unprecedented numbers, thereby establishing a nationally recognized bastion for small business development; and

**WHEREAS**, through it's dedicated efforts, the National Entrepreneur Center has made Central Florida the premier destination in America for starting and growing a small business for over two decades, a testament to the strength and vitality of our business community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Seminole Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, February 10 - 17, 2024 as National Entrepreneurship Week in Seminole County, Florida.

ADOPTED this 27th day of February 2024

Jay Zembower, Chairman Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners