

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS CORPORAL RONALD DEVASTO 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, Corporal Ronald DeVasto, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in September 1965 and served honorably until January 1970. He served in the Republic of Vietnam from July 1967 to October 1968. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Star, M-14 Rifle Sharpshooter badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ronald DeVasto was raised in Boynton Beach, Florida, and returned to Florida upon his discharge from the Marine Corps. He moved to Winter Park in 1970 and worked for Avis Rent A Car; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ronald DeVasto then used his VA Education Bill to complete his Doctorate in Clinical Hypnotherapy. He opened and operated a hypnosis medical practice in Winter Park for 35 years. Serving as a Board member from 1994-2002 on the International Board for Regression Therapy and being the Founder of the Hypnotic Research Society, he has traveled the United States and Canada providing training to medical professionals in regressive therapy; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ronald DeVasto loves to fish and scuba dive. He earned his Captain's license from the United States Coast Guard in 2008. He also was awarded, "The Quilt of Honor," and is a generous 46-gallon whole blood and platelets donor; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ronald DeVasto has been a life member of the Marine Corps League from 1971 and rejoined in 2019. He is also a member of the 1st Marine Division Association and is a member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ronald DeVasto has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps, 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 Corporal Ronald DeVasto, for his outstanding service to the United States Marine Corps and residents of Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation is presented to Corporal Ronald DeVasto, along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's

"Veteran of the Month"

ADOPTED this 12th day of November 2024.



Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners