PROCLAMATION OF THE

SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 4-10, 2024, AS FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Seminole County has experienced severe weather in the past in the form of extreme rainfall and tropical system events resulting in flooding in riverine and low-lying areas, and this flooding has caused damage and flood losses to homes and buildings in all areas whether they are high-risk special flood hazard areas or low to moderate risk flood zones; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County is a voluntary participant in the National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced insurance premium rates as well as setting higher regulatory standards to reduce the flood risk and potential flood damage to their property; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County's Resiliency Working Group supports the goal of the County's Local Mitigation Strategy by reducing losses to life, property, and the environment through effective outreach programs, mitigation programs, and resiliency projects; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of loss of life and property damage can be achieved when appropriate flood preparedness, control, and mitigation measures are taken before a flood; and

WHEREAS, community-wide public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection are critical to the health, safety, and welfare of residents, therefore, the Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA), has declared the week of March 4, 2024, as **Flood Awareness Week** to promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risk, the availability of flood insurance, flood protection methods, and how to prepare for emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim March 4-10, 2024 as

FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK IN SEMINOLE COUNTY

ADOPTED this 27th day of February 2024

Jay Zembower, Chairman

Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners