

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING
UNITED STATES ARMY FIRST LIEUTENANT LARRY M. STRICKLAND 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, First Lieutenant Larry Strickland was commissioned in the United States Army in 1968 as a Combat Engineer and separated from the Army in 1970; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Larry Strickland served in the 26th Engineer Battalion at Hawk Hill, Vietnam. He earned various medals including the Bronze Star Medal (two awards), Army Commendation Medal (two awards), Vietnam Combat Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Larry Strickland moved to Winter Springs in 1984 and worked as a Project Manager for Gulf Constructors International in commercial construction in the area. In 1995 he opened his own construction company, Strickland Construction Services Corporation. One of the many highlights of his business was building the 120 bed VA Nursing Home on the Lake Baldwin Campus in Orlando that is now known as the Alwyn C. Cashe State Veterans' Nursing Home. He also volunteered countless hours at Oviedo High School while his children were enrolled; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Larry Strickland has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States of America, the United States Army, 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 First Lieutenant Larry Strickland, for his outstanding service to the United States Army and residents of Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation is presented to First Lieutenant Larry Strickland, along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's

"Veteran of the Month"

ADOPTED this 25th day of April 2023.



Amy Lockhart, Chairman
Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners