RESOLUTION OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RECOGNIZING SAULIUS J. JANKAUSKAS, MD AND IRMA KIRVELIENE AS: ARTISTS OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners and the Seminole Cultural Arts Council (SCAC) acknowledge the important role the arts play in the quality of life of the residents of Seminole County and support the ARTIST OF THE YEAR program; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners wishes to acknowledge the contributions of individual Cultural Artists (performers, visual artists, historians, and authors) as ARTIST OF THE YEAR, who have contributed to the enrichment of Seminole County, and who are active in the community for the advancement of the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners this year breaks with tradition by honoring two collaborating local artists, **Saulius J. Jankauskas**, **MD** (glass art and glass enamels) and **Irma Kirveliene** (internationally recognized faux finisher, muralist and restorer of fine furniture); and

WHEREAS, Longwood based board-certified plastic surgeon Saulius J. Jankauskas, MD and Irma Kirveliene, both of Lithuanian descent, both premier artists in their own right, pooled their considerable talents and dedicated their time for the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center at the historic Ritz Theater in downtown Sanford, transforming the interior of the theater with art deco-inspired walls hung with Saulius' original art glass sconces; and

WHEREAS, Saulius J. Jankauskas, MD, a native of Detroit with a love of poetry, Lithuanian folklore, and religion, who has glass creations in private, corporate and museum collections, is also the head of research and development at Unique Glass Colors, LLC in Casselberry, developing new products and creating solutions to problems in glass enamels, and has served on the SCAC board for more than 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Irma Kirveliene, a graduate of Vilnius Academy of Art in Vilnius, Lithuania, is passionate about painting on canvas, mural art, and classical music, with exhibitions in the U.S. and Europe, often collaborates on residential and commercial projects with interior and large-scale event designers and donates her time and talent to Ronald McDonald Charities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners wishes to commend **Saulius J. Jankauskas, MD** and **Irma Kirveliene** for their efforts to promote the arts throughout Seminole County and Central Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Official Minutes by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Seminole and presented to **Saulius J. Jankauskas, MD** and **Irma Kirveliene** with best wishes on their joint selection as 2023 ARTISTS OF THE YEAR.

ADOPTED, this 23rd day of May 2023.

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