

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECOGNIZING SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DIVIDENDS PROGRAM 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Dividends is the Volunteer Program for Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS); and

WHEREAS, this volunteer program was created and sustained through sheer persistence, patience, and determination by Dede Schaffner and approved by the SCPS School Board on July 25, 1973; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 1973, the first schools to host and reap the benefits of Dividend volunteers were Altamonte Elementary, Southside Elementary, and Rosenwald; and

WHEREAS, the program was nurtured and developed by Dede, The School Board, SCPS staff, and committed community members over the years; and

WHEREAS, Dividends currently has 30,000 registered volunteers who support the schools, students, and staff of Seminole County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the program currently provides an annual average of 700,000 volunteer hours to SCPS, resulting in approximately \$19 MILLION in savings; and

WHEREAS, the program has received state recognition, 4 national awards, 4 Walt Disney Community Service Awards; and

WHEREAS, Dividend volunteer program examples include classroom volunteers, Connections Mentors, Field Trip Chaperones, Healthy Hands, Growing Gardens, Living on My Own, Media Support, Office Support RAP, Take Stock in Children, and Volunteer Coach; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Extension/IFAS/UF supports Living on My Own, Healthy Hands, and Growing Gardens as part of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dividends Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, express our Congratulations to the Seminole County Public Schools Dividend Program for their 50 Years of Volunteerism in Seminole County Public Schools.

Adopted this 23rd Day of May 2023



**Amy Lockhart, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners**