

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING  
UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST JAMES D. HUNTER 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 the 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**, Specialist James D. Hunter served Honorably in the United States Army from September 1966 to September 1968 with Boots on Ground service in the Republic of Vietnam during the Tet Offensive; and

**WHEREAS**, Specialist James D. Hunter separated from the Army and returned home to Orlando where he utilized the VA's Montgomery G.I. Education bill and, during college, obtained a job as a computer operator for IBM. Upon graduation he went into the auto industry for a period of time before finally moving back to Central Florida to work at a plant nursery in Apopka; and

**WHEREAS**, Specialist James D. Hunter purchased five acres and moved to Casselberry in 1978 with his family. With the help of friends and neighbors, he developed an interest in plants, which became his passion. He began a plant nursery and eventually purchased additional property totaling eleven acres of land which is in operation today and focuses on growing organic pumpkins, green beans, peppers, and tomatoes without harmful pesticides; and

**WHEREAS**, Specialist James D. Hunter has been a Seminole County Master Gardener for the past 30 years and has served on the Seminole County Agricultural Board for approximately the past 15 years. He conducts free Saturday classes to the public to educate our community on a variety of plant and environmental topics because he loves living in Seminole County and believes, "It's a great place to live"; and

**WHEREAS**, Specialist James D. Hunter 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 Specialist James D. Hunter, for his outstanding service to the United States Army and residents of Seminole County.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that this Proclamation is presented to **Specialist James D. Hunter**, along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's

**"Veteran of the Month"**

ADOPTED this 26th day of September 2023.



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Amy Lockhart, Chairman  
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners