

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING
UNITED STATES NAVY LIEUTENANT RICHARD LEIGH 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, Lieutenant Richard Leigh served in the United States Navy from July 1965 until 1970, with service in Vietnam from 1967 until 1968. He received numerous awards, including the Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Citation, and Vietnam Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard Leigh served as a JAG Lawyer, an advisor for enlisted Non-Judicial Punishment. He was assigned to 15 cases and was designated as a Military Judge for five summary court martials in Pensacola, FL; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard Leigh separated from the Navy in 1970 and moved to Altamonte Springs and later to Casselberry. He worked as a partner with Trickel & Leigh for 27 years. Since 2002, he has worked with Maynard Nexson (formerly Swan Hadley) as an advisor specializing in Wills and Trusts. Active in the community, he served as a member of the Seminole County Bar Legal Aid Society from 1983 until 1989. He is currently an Elder of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Oviedo, and plans to continue volunteer work with the Seminole County Bar after his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard Leigh has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States of America, the United States Navy, 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 Lieutenant Richard Leigh, for his outstanding service to the United States Navy and residents of Seminole County.

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

“Veteran of the Month”

ADOPTED this 12th day of December 2023.



Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners