

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS SERGEANT MILTON WASHBURN,
JR. 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, Sergeant Milton Washburn, Jr. enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 1st in Hoi An, Vietnam. During combat operations, he encountered a land mine explosion while on patrol that caused serious bodily injury. He medically retired from the military in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Milton Washburn, Jr. received numerous awards including the Purple Heart Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Milton Washburn, Jr. obtained his engineering degree after his military service and worked for various companies. He moved to Florida in 1983 and worked for Florida Power. He then relocated to Chuluota in October 1996 where he worked for Florida Power-Progress Energy and retired on December 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Milton Washburn, Jr. has dedicated seven years of volunteer service to Hope Helps in Oviedo, while also celebrating 57 years of marriage to his wife, Joyce. Together, they tirelessly work to provide essential support to families in need, including food, clothing, and toys during Christmas and throughout the year. Additionally, he actively contributes to various community events as a devoted member of the American Legion Post 243 in Oviedo; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Milton Washburn, Jr. has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps, 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 Sergeant Milton Washburn, Jr., for his outstanding service to the United States Marine Corps and residents of Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation is presented to Sergeant Milton Washburn, Jr., along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's

“Veteran of the Month”

ADOPTED this 25th day of June 2024.



Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners