PROCLAMATION

OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST DANIEL PAUL ALENDAL 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, Specialist Daniel Alendal enlisted in the United States Army and served on active duty from 2007 to 2014. He received multiple awards including the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 3 Campaign Stars, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal amongst others; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Daniel Alendal performed duties in the Artillery Career Field with 2 combat deployments to Afghanistan from 2008 to 2009, and 2011 to 2012. The most memorable event on his second deployment to Afghanistan, was acquiring specialized medical equipment for local disabled children, which in turn led to less rocket attacks against Forward Operating Base Salerno; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Daniel Alendal moved to Central Florida in 2014 where he began working for Seminole County in the Fleet Department as a Mobile Generator Technician. In 2022 he was promoted to be the Quality Assurance Inspector. As an employee, he has been a part of numerous Emergency Hurricane Operations. He is responsible for guaranteeing generators and other large equipment remain operational to ensure County Residents have minimal interruptions in services and assistance. He also leads a group of coworkers in a lunch time fitness group to stay healthy; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Daniel Alendal lives in Central Florida with his wife Emily, and two children, Mason and Makayla; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Daniel Alendal 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 Daniel Alendal, 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 Daniel Alendal, along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's

"Veteran of the Month"

ADOPTED this 23rd day of April 2024.