WHEREAS, Cancer is a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells which, if not controlled, can result in premature death; and

WHEREAS, Cancer is predicted to strike one out of every three Americans sometime in our lifetime with an estimated 121,240 new cases of cancer diagnosed in Florida in 2016; and

WHEREAS, approximately 6,000 new cases of cancer are estimated to occur in Pinellas County in 2017, and 2,500 Pinellas County citizens are expected to lose their battle with cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is the nation’s largest and most respected voluntary health organization since 1913 and has funded research which has contributed to every known method for detecting cancer and techniques for treating cancer: thereby increasing the cancer survival rates from 10% to over 65%; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is a voluntary community-based coalition of local citizens dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem through financial support and education awareness; and

WHEREAS, the color purple is the signature color of the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life events signifying the passion that cancer survivors and their families and loved ones feel for the eradication of this disease; and

WHEREAS, the RELAY FOR LIFE event financially benefits the American Cancer Society’s research and patient support programs, and educationally benefits our local citizens; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life in Seminole is a community event that allows an opportunity to network with businesses, associates, family and friends, with the same goal of making a difference in the battle against cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida, do hereby proclaim this day, 31, March 2017, as

“AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE DAY”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2017.

Leslie Waters, Mayor