



# HONORARY CITIZEN PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, Gretchen Cain Wells has served as Seminole's cheerleader for more than 30 years, first as Executive Editor for Tampa Bay Newspapers (12 years), winning national awards for news and feature articles that focused on the positive at our Seminole schools, businesses, organizations and government, and

*WHEREAS*, she then became employed as Chief of Operations for the Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce for nearly 20 years, advocating for small businesses, offering them educational workshops, helping them to develop partnerships and engage in marketing opportunities, and

*WHEREAS*, she served as a mentor to jobseekers looking to sharpen their business clerical skills in order to qualify for jobs through CareerSource Pinellas, and

*WHEREAS*, she headed up the two-year Entrepreneurial Academy at St. Petersburg College, which served as seeds to grow the Entrepreneurial Department at the Seminole Campus, and

*WHEREAS*, she was honored by the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals for the advancement of the Chamber of Commerce profession, and

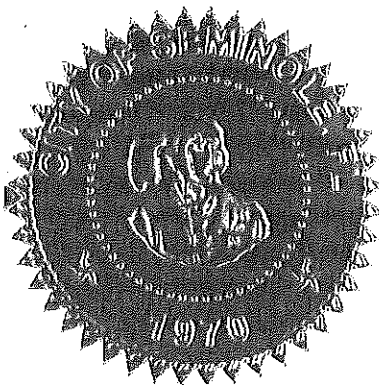
*WHEREAS*, she served the Greater Seminole area in other capacities such as a Girl Scout leader (Whispering Pines), volunteer for R'Club Childcare Inc. and Pinellas County Schools, member of the music ministry at St. Matthew Church and the Pinellas County Library Cooperative Board, Friends of the Seminole Library and Seminole Historical Society.

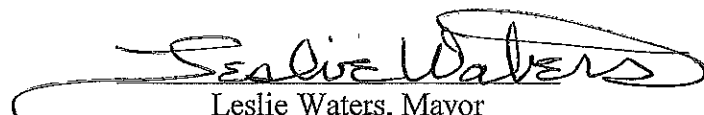
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, do hereby proclaim that Gretchen Cain Wells be recognized as an:

## **"HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE"**

With the presentation of this Special Proclamation and a Key to the City, the Seminole Council says "Thank You."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.



  
Leslie Waters, Mayor