



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Retired Colonel Gregory D. Gadson has served in the U.S. Army for more than 20 years, including Operations Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Joint Forge, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, and

WHEREAS, Retired Colonel Gadson was awarded 3 Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, The Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Viscardi Achievement Award, and

WHEREAS, he led the Army's Wounded Warrior Program, managing almost 11,000 soldiers and veterans, and

WHEREAS, he was the Garrison Commander of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, overseeing more than 50,000 military personnel, and

WHEREAS, he graduated from West Point, where he was co-captain of its football team, and later he was selected as a co-captain for the 2007 NFC Championship Football team, the New York Giants, and

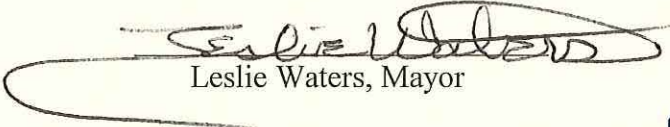
WHEREAS, he acted in the movie Battleship, and had a recurring role on The Inspectors TV show, while continuing to work as a motivational speaker for disabled veterans, and

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole is a designated Purple Heart City, and has passed a resolution implementing the city's Red, White, and Blue Initiative; a goal to have the City of Seminole lead the way with on-going gratitude and indebtedness to the men and women in uniform.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, on behalf of all Citizens of this great City, recognize and thank Retired Colonel Gregory D. Gadson for his extraordinary service to Country and community.

With the presentation of this Special Proclamation and a Key to the City, the Seminole Council gives to Colonel Gadson a heartfelt "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 13th day of June, 2018.


Leslie Waters, Mayor