



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Florida's voters placed municipal Home Rule powers into the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968, during the regular elections as an amendment to Article VIII; and

**WHEREAS**, this power has enabled each city, town and village across the Sunshine State to consider, adopt, revise or remove its own laws without the need to seek legislative permission from the state and has further served as the foundation upon which every municipality builds its governmental structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the political climate within the Florida Legislature has recently included many attacks on these powers; and

**WHEREAS**, grassroots measures calling such actions wrong and declaring that local decisions be made at the local level by local officials must continue so that all legislators clearly understand Florida's Home Rule as a Constitutional power and one upheld in *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, a 50th anniversary is a fitting time for all municipalities to engage their respective citizens to educate them about the Florida Constitution and local laws, so that all Floridians may continue to receive the many benefits of Home Rule.

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SEMINOLE:***

**Section 1.** That this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary presents a tremendous opportunity to educate all citizens about Florida's Constitution, municipal government and Home Rule authority, and that all necessary resources be provided for such public information.

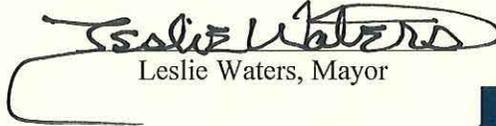
**Section 2.** That the City of Seminole will actively challenge all efforts to reduce or erode this cherished right and further employ all efforts to ensure state and federal government partners understand that a one-size-fits-all approach to governance is not in the best interest of Florida citizens.

**Section 3.** That the tradition of local decision-making at the local level of government in Florida must be protected, as it provides each municipality the ability to preserve and enhance the myriad of characteristics that make each one uniquely special and that maintains its quality of life.

**Section 4.** That the City of Seminole will post this Proclamation on the City's website, [www.myseminole.com](http://www.myseminole.com), for citizens to reference, and furthermore, the Seminole City Council will continue to communicate to the public information about State Legislators who are respectful of the Constitutional Home Rule provision, and those Legislators who are not.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida, to be affixed this 14th day of August, 2018.



  
Leslie Waters, Mayor