



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 observance of March for Meals celebrates 19 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborly's Meals on Wheels programs – both congregate and home-delivered, have served our communities admirably for 55 years in Seminole and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers for Neighborly's Meals on Wheels program in Seminole, such as Mayor Leslie Waters and Vice Mayor Thom Barnhorn have participated in the Neighborly Meals on Wheels program in the Greater Seminole area for many years and the volunteers are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborly's Meals on Wheels program in Seminole provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout Seminole that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborly's Meals on Wheels program in Seminole provide a powerful opportunity for social connection for millions of seniors to help combat the negative health effects and economic consequences of loneliness and isolation; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborly's Meals on Wheels program in Seminole deserve recognition for the heroic contributions and essential services they have provided amid the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to provide to local communities, our State and our Nation long after it is over.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Leslie Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Meals Month and urge every citizen to take this month to honor our Meals on Wheels Programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national 2021 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

**"March for Meals Month"**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this day of March 9, 2021.



  
Leslie Waters, Mayor