



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, St. Petersburg College (SPC) was founded in 1927 and will celebrate its 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 12<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, When it first opened with 102 students and 14 faculty, St. Petersburg College was known as St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC). In the 1960's, SPJC merged with Gibbs Junior College, our areas first accredited African American community college; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2001, St. Petersburg Junior College transitioned into St. Petersburg College and became the State's first community college to make the leap and offer baccalaureate degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, The mission of St. Petersburg College is to empower its students and the community to achieve success and economic mobility through academic excellence and engagement; and

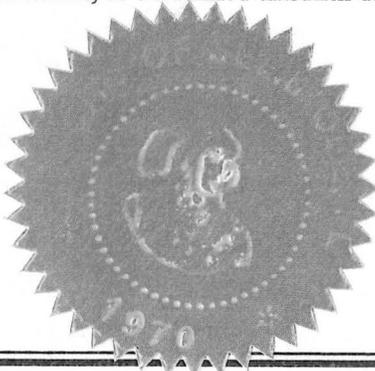
**WHEREAS**, SPC has made a lasting and continuing impact on the city of Seminole and Pinellas County as an institution of higher learning, a major employer, innovation driver, and community partner.

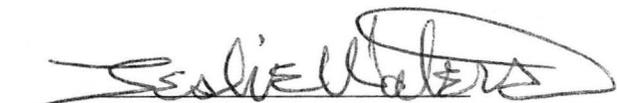
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Leslie Waters, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 12, 2024 as:

## ***St. Petersburg College Day***

And ask all citizens to join me in recognizing the significance of this occasion in the City of Seminole, Pinellas County, and beyond.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Seminole, Florida, to be affixed this 12th day of September, 2024.



  
Leslie Waters, Mayor