

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING UNITED STATES
ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GERRIT PORTER, SEMINOLE COUNTY'S DECEMBER 2021,
VETERAN OF THE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of our Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force demonstrate a resolute spirit and unmatched selflessness, reminding us there are few things more American than giving of ourselves to make a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, generations of service members have answered the call to leave their families, their jobs, and put their futures and even their lives on the line to valiantly defend our nation; and

WHEREAS, for many service members, the sacrifice has ended in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the continued preservation of our freedoms and the promise of liberty; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 30,000 living veterans in Seminole County who served our Nation in times of peace and war and by their service, kept America strong; and

WHEREAS Private First Class Gerrit Porter joined the Army in 1967, and served at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Ft Gordon, Georgia, The Republic of Vietnam, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and Maryland through 1969; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Gerrit Porter served as an armor intelligence specialist supply clerk and combat convoy truck driver in Company M 3rd Squadron 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in The Republic of Vietnam, where his duties involved planning offensive and defensive operations while transporting personnel and supplies in enemy-controlled territory. His heroic actions led to the award of the Vietnam Service Medal and the Purple Heart Medal, a solemn distinction confirming that a service member has greatly sacrificed themselves while in the line of duty; and,

WHEREAS, Private First Class Gerrit Porter has dedicated the last 30 years of his career to working in the medical industry. Specifically, dedicating his efforts to maintaining specialized surgical equipment designed for glaucoma surgeries; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Gerrit Porter has shared 53 years of marriage and together with his wife raised two outstanding children; and,

WHEREAS, Private First Class Gerrit Porter has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States Army, his country, and Seminole County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, express our gratitude, admiration, and respect for **Private First Class Gerrit Porter**, for his outstanding service to the United States Army and residents of Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation is presented to **Private First Class Gerrit Porter**, along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's **"Veteran of the Month."**

ADOPTED this 14TH day of December 2021



**Bob Dallari, Chairman
Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners**