



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has provided scholarships to high school students to improve civics literacy in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and the YMCA are partnering to create a new Civics Fellows Program; and

WHEREAS, the Civics Fellows Program will help to deepen understanding of government at the local and state levels; and

WHEREAS, the Civics Fellows Program will teach the importance and impact of local and state government on society; and

WHEREAS, there will be a focus on improving civic engagement for future generations of leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Civics Fellows Program will increase rates of millennials participating in important society institutions including volunteering, voting and school events; and

WHEREAS, the Civics Fellows Program will provide hands-on experiences in government and public service; and

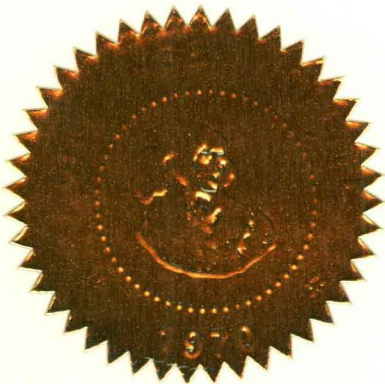
WHEREAS, the USFSP and the YMCA will provide an university experience to high school students through a summer institute program, whereby participants earn up to six college credits in politics and leadership; and

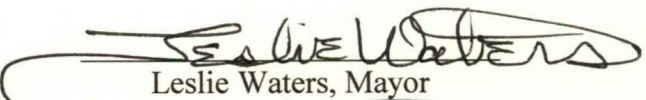
WHEREAS, Dr. Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, USFSP Political Science Professor and Coordinator of the USFSP and YMCA partnership, expresses support in the following comment: *“Bolstering this generation’s civic literacy, particularly concerning local and state government, is vital to maintaining and strengthening the foundation of our democracy.”*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, do hereby proclaim the week of June 9-15, 2019, to be:

“CIVICS FELLOWS PROGRAM WEEK”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 9th day of June, 2019.




Leslie Waters, Mayor