PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Zom Hee Chinese Restaurant, located at 9015 Park Boulevard South, in Seminole, Florida, has been named the best Chinese restaurant in the state of Florida by the Epicurean website, <u>lovefood.com</u>; and

WHEREAS, Zom Hee Restaurant was also voted the 2020-2021 Tampa Bay Newspapers Readers Choice of the best Chinese restaurant in Pinellas County;

WHEREAS, Zom Hee Restaurant, owned and operated by the Mui family for three generations over the decades, with day-to-day operations run by Kenny, David and Peter Mui, and, has served the Seminole Community since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Zom Hee specializes in American-Chinese food and is known for its excellent food and plentiful portions, and customers come from all over Pinellas County to dine at Zom Hee. They also provide a robust carry-out business; and

WHEREAS, Zom Hee Chinese restaurant is a popular luncheon/dinner meeting place for various businesses, professional and political organizations throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, there are frequent birthday and special events held by customers at Zom Hee, either in the main dining room, or the side room; and

WHEREAS, various celebrities including Robin Williams, Carroll O'Connor and Tony Belmont, a former Seminole resident and famous Rock & Roll promoter, have dined at Zom Hee, and John Travolta almost dined at Zom Hee, after arriving at the restaurant looking forward to a tasty Chinese meal was advised by management that the restaurant was closed due to COVID; and

WHEREAS, Zom Hee Restaurant through photos in the lobby show cases patriotism and support of our country, and community, including photos of Bill Clinton and Governor Jeb Bush; and

WHEREAS, Zom Hee over the years has been given recognition by the Greater Area Seminole Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion Auxiliary, Tampa Bay Vegeterians, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Advisory Board and for support of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Plaques and Certificates from these organizations are proudly displayed in the Zom Hee lobby; and

WHEREAS, Zom Hee translates to "Triple Happiness".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida do hereby proclaim August 8, 2023, to be

"Zom Hee Chinese Restaurant Day"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 8th day of August, 2023.

Leslie Waters. Mavor