

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2024 – 140

WHEREAS, in 2010, former United States Senator Kent Conrad introduced a resolution designating June 27 as **National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day**, and in 2011, **POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS DAY** was expanded to the entire month of June; and

WHEREAS, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is a potentially debilitating mental health condition that is triggered by a trauma; and

WHEREAS, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder significantly increases the risk of depression, suicide, and drug and alcohol-related disorders and deaths, especially if left untreated; and

WHEREAS, many with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder can be severely depressed and anxious for months or even years from the event; and

WHEREAS, *K9 Partners for Patriots* was founded in 2014 by Mary Peter and is a non-profit organization that has since given nearly 635 veterans and active military a second chance at life from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; and

WHEREAS, *K9 Partners for Patriots* is recognized by experts as a successful path forward for veterans enduring Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and their service dogs, many which are themselves “rescued” from shelters and possible euthanasia; and

WHEREAS, *K9 Partners for Patriots* has earned the respect from Hernando County representatives, Florida representatives and members of Congress, law enforcement, veterinary communities, and thousands of Americans in Florida and nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims June 27, 2024, as **POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS DAY** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby recognize and applaud the efforts of *K9 Partners for Patriots* for giving veterans a second chance to reconnect with family, daily living skills and the community.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 11th day of June 2024, A.D.

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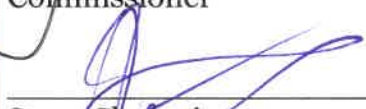
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