

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

RESOLUTION 2022 –

WHEREAS, thousands of the United States' Armed Forces Troops have served America in times of peace and war, and through their dedication and sacrifices, our nation and its people have been assured safety and prosperity, and our freedoms, ideals and values preserved and protected; and

WHEREAS, many of these brave and committed men and women gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives, during military service and their families left to mourn have also paid a great service for our nation; and

WHEREAS, dating back to World War I and a symbol of great honor that no one wants, a **Gold Star Lapel Pin** is presented by the United States Department of Defense to the spouses, parents and children of a fallen service member killed in combat or in support of certain military activities; and

WHEREAS, known as a **GOLD STAR FAMILY**, flags or banners with a gold star are often displayed by the family to make others aware of the sacrifice their family member has made and to honor their service to our country, and sadly, additional stars are sometimes added to represent each military member who died should the family suffer more than one loss; and

WHEREAS, Tribute To The Troops ® (TTTT) was founded by singer and songwriter Rockie Lynn in 2004, and its mission is to honor, treasure, and remember the sacrifices of the nation's post 9/11 Fallen Heroes and their families, and they additionally established the Fallen Heroes' Children's Education Fund to provide financial assistance to the surviving children; and

WHEREAS, the ceremony for Sgt. Lea R. Mills, USMC will be held on November 12, 2022, at Veterans of Foreign Wars "VFW" Post 9236 located at 3435 Shoal Line Boulevard, Hernando Beach, FL 34607 and will provide the opportunity to honor the Fallen Service Member's families and to let them know their loss will never be forgotten.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim November 12, 2022, as **GOLD STAR FAMILY DAY** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners urges all citizens to join in honoring our nation's fallen military heroes and in expressing heartfelt gratitude to all **GOLD STAR FAMILIES** for their sacrifices in the defense of freedom and the American way of life.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 8th day of November 2022, A.D.

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Attest:

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Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

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