

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING THE WELLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. FOR DEVELOPING A
WELLINGTON HISTORY UNIT FOR THE FOURTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM FOR
ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS LOCATED IN WELLINGTON**

WHEREAS, shortly after its formation, the Wellington Historical Society began exploring the idea of incorporating a Wellington History Unit into the 4th grade Social Studies Florida History Unit for all elementary schools located in Wellington; and

WHEREAS, Sue Bierer, the Society's current president and a retired 5th grade Wellington Elementary School teacher, put together a team of retired teachers, including Sue Bierer, Pam Strassner, Joy Riley and Diane Grosso, and set about to develop a Wellington history unit; and

WHEREAS, when it was completed, the Wellington Historical Society worked closely with the Palm Beach County School District, especially Laureene Neubarth, a Social Studies Resource Teacher (K-5), to obtain approval for the inclusion of the Wellington unit into the curriculum, which was ultimately approved by the District as a four-part series; and

WHEREAS, each lesson in the series includes a script, PowerPoint and student activity. Part I focuses on how Native Americans influenced Wellington, Part II focuses on how early development determined Wellington's future, Part III focuses on how historical events impact our lives today, and Part IV focuses on how becoming a city gave Wellington citizens the ability to control their own growth and development; and

WHEREAS, after obtaining approval of the lessons, the District placed them into the database so they were available to the teachers. The Wellington Historical Society met with each principal and the appropriate teachers to ensure that they would be able to incorporate the lessons into their curriculum for the 2024-2025 school year. Throughout this process, the Society received support from Marcia Andrews, Vice Chair of the Palm Beach County School Board, and the Wellington Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, nearly every Wellington area elementary school taught the lessons this school year and the Wellington Historical Society believes this will become a regular part of the 4th grade Social Studies curriculum going forward; and

WHEREAS, the Wellington Historical Society is the only historical society in Palm Beach County that has undertaken this kind of project and the representative from the District intends to encourage other cities to explore such a project.

NOW THEREFORE, the Village Council of Wellington, Florida does hereby recognize the **WELLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** and expresses its sincere appreciation for its promotion of, and contributions and commitment to Wellington's history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Wellington, Florida to be affixed this 1st of July, 2025.

ATTEST:

WELLINGTON, FLORIDA

By: _____
Chevelle D. Hall, Village Clerk

By: _____
Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor