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**USFSP VETERANS RECEIVE PROCLAMATION FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



*The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners presented the Memorial Day proclamation to local veterans representatives from around the county. Photo courtesy of Pinellas County Marketing and Communications.*

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*The Memorial Day proclamation was read by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners chairman Charlie Justice on May 24.*

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# PROCLAMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## MEMORIAL DAY 2016

WHEREAS, since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, each year in May, Americans pause to observe Memorial Day, a special day and National holiday since 1971 set aside to remember with dignity and admiration those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, throughout our Nation's history, our brave men and women of the military have stepped forward to protect our country; and

WHEREAS, today, our service men and women continue to inspire and strengthen our Nation, going above and beyond the call of duty as part of the greatest military the world has ever known; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful to all those who have donned our Nation's uniform and to their families, and we will always remember their service and sacrifice for our freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that May 30, 2016 be recognized as

## MEMORIAL DAY 2016

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida, to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Justice.

Charlie Justice, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Janet C. Long.

Janet C. Long, Vice Chairman

Handwritten signature of Dave Eggers.

Dave Eggers, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Pat Gerard.

Pat Gerard, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of John Morroni.

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Handwritten signature of Karen Williams Seel.

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Handwritten signature of Kenneth T. Welch.

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