

# PROCLAMATION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, Steve Petty is a respected Marion County resident who retired as a United States Army Captain following a distinguished and decorated military career in service to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Captain Petty served as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War, demonstrating extraordinary courage, leadership, and dedication under combat conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, during his military service, Captain Petty earned some of the United States Armed Forces' highest honors, including the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with "V" Device, and 40 Oak Leaf Clusters, reflecting repeated acts of heroism and valor; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond his military career, Captain Petty has continued a lifetime of service to fellow veterans through his involvement with Veterans Helping Veterans USA, Inc., the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard, and the Vet Resource Center; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his exceptional military service and lifelong dedication to veterans, Captain Petty was inducted into the State of Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame in November 2025, one of the highest honors bestowed upon veterans who are native to or reside in the State of Florida.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that that **January 10, 2026**, is hereby proclaimed as "**STEVE PETTY DAY**" in Marion County, and all residents are encouraged to recognize and honor Captain Petty for his extraordinary military service, his induction into the State of Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame, and his continued dedication to veterans and our community.

**"STEVE PETTY DAY"**

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of **January, 2025**.

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MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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