

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF TERRY HANCOCK

- WHEREAS,** *Terry proudly served his country in the United States Army as a Vietnam Era Veteran from 1973 to 1976, exemplifying courage, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to the nation he loved; and*
- WHEREAS,** *following the loss of his partner, Terry began standing with a sign as a way to honor her memory and raise funds for her funeral expenses. Though an anonymous donor ultimately paid the funeral costs, that single act of kindness inspired Terry to continue standing in gratitude, holding a “thank you” sign beginning in 2020; and*
- WHEREAS,** *during the COVID-19 pandemic, Terry shifted his message of appreciation to honor and uplift medical professionals and essential workers, becoming a symbol of hope, encouragement, and unity during an extraordinary time; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Terry grew into a patriotic pillar of the Lake City community, faithfully waving to residents each day, spreading joy, positivity, and kindness to all who passed by; and*
- WHEREAS,** *he especially loved greeting children and gifting them small American flags, creating moments of connection and joy that will be remembered by countless families; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Terry was deeply charitable, often assisting veterans and individuals experiencing homelessness by offering rides, gift cards for meals, and heartfelt support, demonstrating compassion in both word and deed; and*
- WHEREAS,** *he was a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion, organizations in which he found camaraderie, purpose, and the opportunity to continue serving others; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Terry Hancock’s positive outlook, generosity, and unwavering spirit touched the lives of innumerable residents and made him a beloved figure whose daily presence uplifted the community; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Terry Hancock passed away on October 27, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of gratitude, patriotism, and kindness that will be deeply missed by all who knew him.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Noah Walker, as Mayor of the City of Lake City, Florida do hereby recognize and honor Terry Hancock for his remarkable life, his service to our nation, and the lasting impact he made on the people of Lake City. His memory will continue to inspire acts of kindness, unity and community spirit for generations to come.



Seal of the City of Lake City
State of Florida

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 15th day of December 2025.

Noah Walker, Mayor
City of Lake City