

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING HARRY SEYMOUR KELSEY, FOUNDER OF KELSEY CITY (TOWN OF LAKE PARK)

WHEREAS, on March 26, 1884, in Claremont, New Hampshire, *Harry Seymour Kelsey* was born, and spent most of his youth on his family's farm in Agawam, Massachusetts. After an extensive career in Real Estate, and venturing into the restaurant business, in 1919 Mr. Kelsey sold his restaurant shares and purchased 30,000 acres of land in Palm Beach County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, In September of 1919 Harry Seymour Kelsey hired the Olmstead Brothers to design the Kelsey City project, and in 1920, the Olmstead brothers designed a plat for Kelsey City; affording Kelsey City the honor of being the first zoned city south of Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Harry Seymour Kelsey wholly accomplished the establishment of two (2) schools, one known as *Lake Park Elementary*, which is still operative today. Some of his major contributions were the *Florida East Coast Railroad Station*, *Kelsey City Golf Course*, *the Kelsey City Depot*, *Kelsey City Bank & Trust*; and most importantly the founding and incorporation of Kelsey City, which later was renamed, the Town of Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park, Florida adopted Resolution No. 20-1998; declaring that under all conditions, and on all occasions the citizens of Kelsey City do hereby honor him annually on March 26;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Commission of the Town of Lake Park, I, Roger Michaud, Mayor of the Town of Lake Park, do hereby commemorate March 26th in honor of *Harry Seymour Kelsey*, the founding father, and enormous contributor to the Town of Lake Park.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the Town of Lake Park, Florida to be affixed this 19th day of March, 2025.*

Mayor Roger Michaud

Town Clerk Vivian Mendez