To: Adjutant Michael McDaniel, Department of Florida

Subject: Endorsement of Ernie A. Florig for 5th District Commander, Department of Florida

12 January 2020

At the general membership meeting on 09 January 2020, the membership of American Legion Ocean Beaches Post 129 unanimously endorsed Legionnaire Ernie Florig for the high office of 5th District Commander, Department of Florida, 2020-2021.

Ernie earned his eligibility to join the American Legion by serving in the United States Air Force from 1973 to 2003. He began his Air Force career as a Vietnam Era Veteran. After serving thirty continuous years on active duty he retired as a highly decorated Chief Master Sergeant (E-9). Ernie has been an active Legionnaire for sixteen years.

Ernie has served numerous officer positions at the Post level. He brings five years' experience as Post Commander; three terms Post 13, Valdosta, Georgia and two terms Post 129, Jacksonville Beach, Florida. At the Post level, he also served as Adjutant, Finance Officer, Vice Commander, and as Assistant Service Officer. He is currently Post Adjutant for Post 129, and Boys State Chairman. Through sharing his knowledge and experience and training fellow officers, Ernie has made long-term improvements in Post activities, programs and membership recruitment and retention.

At the District level, Ernie has served two terms as the 12th District Commander for the Department of Georgia, 2011-2013. He also served as Vice Commander and Adjutant. Currently, in the 5th District he is Chairman for Boys State and Children and Youth. He previously served the 5th District as Vice Commander, Assistant Adjutant, and Chairman for Boys State and Children and Youth. Ernie has served three years as a counsellor on the Georgia Boys State Staff, Department of Georgia, and is a graduate of the Department of Georgia Legion College, and the Department of Florida’s Post Service Officer certification course. Ernie also brings extensive experience as Deputy Flight Director for Honor Flight South Georgia.

Ernie’s dedication and service to the American Legion is unquestionable. His contributions at the Post and District levels in two Departments make him uniquely qualified for this endorsement. It is with great pleasure and honor that American Legion Ocean Beaches Post 129 endorse Ernie Florig for 5th District Commander, Department of Florida, 2020-2021.

For God and Country

Joe Maichle
Commander, Post 129

Rick Miller
4th Vice Commander, Post 129