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At the regularly scheduled General assembly meeting held on September 13, 2021, the membership of American Legion Jim J. Gilleo Post 283 assembled and voted to endorse Lena Heredia-Perez as a candidate for the high office of American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Department of Florida, 2022-2023.

Lena Heredia-Perez earned her eligibility to be a member of the American Legion as a Persian Gulf and Global War on Terrorism veteran, serving in the Unites States Navy 2000-2004 with distinction. Upon discharge from the United States Navy, she completed her college education and began a career in Home/Business Security/Automation. She is responsible for initiating all installations, entering jobs and customer service.

Since joining The American Legion in 2013, Mrs. Heredia-Perez has served as Commander for Kelly J. Mixon American Legion Post 9 for three consecutive terms 2015-2018, Executive Board Officer 2018-2019, and Children & Youth Chairman and Boys State Chairman 2018-2019. She has served as 5th District Finance Officer from 2016-2018, as well as 5th District Vice Commander from 2018-2020. She has served as the 5th District Commander since 2021. She was selected as a Consultant for the National Internal Affairs Commission during the 2019-2020 year. She is an active member of The American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Riders since 2015.

She has furthered her knowledge about The American Legion and its multitude of programs by successfully completing The American Legion Extension Institute in 2015, completed the Basic Training Course in 2019, 2018 Graduate of The Department of Florida American Legion College, and graduated from National American Legion College in November 2019.

The membership of American Legion Post 283 proudly supports and endorses Lena Heredia-Perez as a candidate for the high office of Commander, 5<sup>th</sup> District, Department of Florida for the 2022-2023 term.

For God and Country.

Albert Whisman Commander Vancy Senter Adjutant