VETERANS' PREFERENCE APPLICATION
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Completion of the Veterans' Preference Claim section is made on a voluntary basis and kept confidential in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act. Listed below are the five Veterans' Preference categories.

1. A veteran with a compensable service-connected disability who is eligible for or receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension under public laws administered by the Veterans' Affairs and/or the Department of Defense, **or**

2. The spouse of a veteran who cannot qualify for employment because of a total or permanent service-connected disability, or spouse of a veteran missing in action, captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power, **or**

3. A veteran of any war who has served at least one day or more during a wartime era; and who was discharged or separated therefrom under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces. Active-duty for training is not allowable, **or**

4. An employee in a covered position who leaves employment to serve in the Armed Forces and is separated with an honorable discharge, and is reinstated within one year of the date of separation from the military service is entitled to veterans' preference on their first promotion following reinstatement, **or**

5. The unmarried widow or widower of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability.

Documentation substantiating your claim must be submitted with this form (DD form 214 (Member-4) or Letter from the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs or Department of Defense indicating service-connected disability) at the time of application. In addition, applicants claiming categories 1, 2 or 5 above must furnish supporting documentation in accordance with the provisions of Rule 55A-7.013, F.A.C. Under the State of Florida Veterans' Preference law, preference in appointment shall be given by the State of Florida and its political subdivisions to those persons in categories 1 and 2 and then those in categories 3 and 5. Retired military personnel are eligible.

Eligible wartime periods now include Operation Enduring Freedom (beginning October 7, 2001 – present) or Operation Iraqi Freedom (beginning March 19, 2003 – present).

If any applicant claiming veterans' preference for a vacant position is not selected for the position, they may file a complaint with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, P.O. Box 31003, St. Petersburg, Florida 33731. A complaint must be filed within 21 days of the applicant receiving notice of the hiring decision made by the employer or within three months of the date the applicant is filed with the employer if no notice is given.

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IF ELIGIBLE, WHICH VETERANS' PREFERENCE CATEGORY ARE YOU CLAIMING? 1 2 3 4 5
(Please circle 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 from the Veterans' Preference section above)

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BRANCH OF SERVICE DATE OF ENTRY DATE OF DISCHARGE

Are you a resident of the State of Florida? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that all statements made on this form are true to the best of my knowledge. I realize that should an investigation disclose any misrepresentation, I may be subject to dismissal. Veterans' Preference applies only for the preferred applicant's initial employment by a covered employer. I understand that my Veterans' Preference status may be subject to change in the event that information is obtained which affects my preference determination.

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Date Signature

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