

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2023 –**

**WHEREAS, MORRIS PORTON** began employment with the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce in August 2020 and has served as the Chamber's President and Chief Executive Officer for the past 3 years; and

**WHEREAS, MORRIS PORTON** has been active in the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce since 1995; and

**WHEREAS,** under **MORRIS PORTON'S** leadership, the Chamber continues to be the only Chamber in Hernando County and has grown to become the seventh largest Chamber in our region; and

**WHEREAS, MORRIS PORTON** has steadfastly led the Chamber for the past 3 years while maintaining fiscal stewardship of the Chamber's financial resources; and

**WHEREAS, MORRIS PORTON'S** own success in the Great Hernando County Chamber of Commerce has been distinguished by the winning of three awards bestowed by the Chamber: the 1995 Pioneer Award, the 2000 Citizen of the Year Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award.; and

**WHEREAS, MORRIS PORTON** is a well-respected leader throughout the statewide Chamber of Commerce network, well-known at the local, state, and federal levels, and involved in various community organizations including the ARC of Nature Coast, Hernando Progress, Pasco-Hernando State College Foundation Board, Hernando County Education Foundation, Hernando County Teacher of the Year, Committee of 100 Men, Economic Development Technical Advisory Committee, Chambers Government Affairs, Chamber Education Training Association (CETA), and Children's Advocacy Center of Hernando County Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** as **MORRIS PORTON** reaches retirement, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners would be remiss in not recognizing his accomplishments, leadership, passion, extensive knowledge, and professionalism during his service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby commend **MORRIS PORTON** for his 3 years of dedicated service to the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce and outstanding contributions to the business community, Hernando County, and its citizens.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby extend best wishes to **MORRIS PORTON** for a healthy, happy, and well-deserved retirement filled with all the privileges retirement brings.

**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, A.D.

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Attest:

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Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr.  
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

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Chairman

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