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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Rita Pritchett Attn: Marcia Newell

RE: Resolution Recognizing and Honoring County Attorney Scott Knox Upon His Retirement
After 24 Years with Brevard County

The Board of Commissioners, in regular session on March 20, 2018, adopted Resolution No. 18-028, recognizing and honoring County Attorney Scott Knox upon his retirement after 24 years with Brevard County. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

cc: County Manager
County Attorney

Brevard



County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, SCOTT LEO KNOX was appointed as the County Attorney for Brevard County by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners in 1993; and

WHEREAS, he has ably provided legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners servicing 21 County Commissioners over the years, five County Managers and all County Departments; and

WHEREAS, in the course of his representation of the County Commission he has made appearances in the 18th Judicial Circuit Court, the Middle District Court of Florida, the Fifth District Court of Appeals, the Florida Supreme Court and filed briefs with the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the cases he handled involved a wide range of topics, such as the sale of fireworks, inverse condemnation, eminent domain, pollution by the Port St. John FP&L Power Plant (that led to construction of a new plant), billboards, prayer, charter amendments and ballots, public records, public nudity, irrevocable licenses, franchise agreements, impairment of contract claims and cases arising from the Bert J. Harris Private Property Rights Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the legal concerns he resolved for the departments are too numerous to name, but he worked tirelessly with the Water Resources Department to help resolve water and sewer issues in South Brevard and implemented the legal aspects of creating the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District and acquisition of the system, as well as the Snug Harbor Water Treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, he ably guided the Board through the challenges presented by the creation of the North Brevard Economic Development Zone and numerous economic development projects, such as Blue Origin, Embraer and Titus Landing, that will have long lasting benefits for Brevard's economy and job market; and

WHEREAS, his efforts on behalf of the Public Works Department and its Land Acquisition team resulted in numerous creative deals saving the County thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, he has worked for many, many months to draft documents necessary to provide and enhanced use of the Space Coast Stadium, upon the departure of Major League Baseball, increasing the economic benefit to the County in terms of tourism and local use of athletes of all ages; and

WHEREAS, his legal expertise was instrumental in the successful effort to establish a dedicated sales tax to fund the critical work needed for the restoration of one of the County's natural 'crown jewels', the Indian River Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, he has attended in excess of 900 County Commission meetings and has 'survived' hearings involving live animal presentations, including an eagle and a squealing pot-bellied pig; and

WHEREAS, he provided legal guidance to the County through various States of Emergency, reported to the bunker for 8 hurricanes and associated emergency management preparations, and as part of those duties slept on the floor of the bunker multiple times during 2004; and

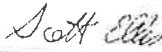
WHEREAS, he has hired, trained and mentored many young attorneys and law clerks aspiring to be attorneys; and

WHEREAS, today is the last meeting MR. KNOX will attend as the County Attorney for Brevard County and the Board of County Commissioners wishes to commemorate his leadership and patient, tireless guidance of the Board in light of his impending departure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize and thank SCOTT LEO KNOX for his outstanding legal advice and wise counsel on behalf of Brevard County for the last 24 years.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, this 20th day of March, 2018.

ATTEST:


SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK


RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



RESOLUTION 2018 - _____

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING SCOTT LEO KNOX FOR 24 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Scott Leo Knox was appointed as the County Attorney for Brevard County by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners in 1993; and

WHEREAS, he has ably provided legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners serving 21 County Commissioners over the years; five County Managers and all County Departments; and

WHEREAS, in the course of his representation of the County Commission he has made appearances in the 18th Judicial Circuit Court, the Middle District Court of Florida, the Fifth District Court of Appeals, the Florida Supreme Court and filed briefs with the United States Supreme Court; and

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DONE AND ADOPTED, this 20th day of March, 2018.

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Rita Pritchett, Chair

(As approved by the Board on March 20, 2018)