

Resolution No. 2007-R-_____

Resolution

**The Following Resolution Was Adopted
At The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of
County Commissioners Of Seminole County,
Florida, On The 9th Day of January, A.D., 2007.**

Whereas, Kenneth M. Roberts began his career with the Seminole County Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division, on January 16, 1990 as Emergency Management Coordinator; and

Whereas, in 1994, Kenneth M. Roberts received certification as a Certified Emergency Manager; and

Whereas, on June 10, 1997, Kenneth M. Roberts was appointed Director of Public Safety; and

Whereas, during the first few months as Director of Public Safety, the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) program was initiated, and the EMS/Fire/Rescue Division began providing emergency medical transport services; and

Whereas, in 1998, Kenneth M. Roberts was instrumental in leading this community through devastating times with the tornadoes that left 12 fatalities, 34 injured and over \$6 million dollars in damage, along with the wildfires that broke out in Geneva, resulting in the loss of 12 primary residences, over 2000 acres burned and in excess of \$1 million dollars in damage; and

Whereas, in 1999, under Kenneth M. Roberts' direction, fire station 65 was placed in service as a joint project between Seminole County, Orange County and the University of Central Florida. Air Rescue 3 was placed in service as a joint helicopter cooperatively obtained and operated by Seminole County Public Safety and the Sheriff's Office, and the Seminole County Emergency Operations Center was selected by the Florida Division of Emergency Management as an alternate State EOC; one of only two in the State of Florida; and

Whereas, in 2001, Kenneth M. Roberts showed great leadership as he led the Department of Public Safety, his employees and the community through the impacts of 9/11; and

Whereas, in 2002, the Altamonte Springs Fire Department merged with the Seminole County Fire Department and the Oviedo Fire Department joined the first response system, making them the seventh and final city in the County to join. During this same year, Seminole County, Orange County and the City of Orlando Fire Department joined to create the new Central Florida Urban Search and Rescue Team, with the Seminole County EMS/Fire/Rescue Division serving as the lead organization for the first year; and

Whereas, in 2003, the Seminole County Fire Department purchased a 47,000 square foot training center and the Orlando-Sanford Airport Fire Department joined the first response system; and

Whereas, in 2004, Kenneth M. Roberts again demonstrated his remarkable ability to guide this County, it's citizens and employees through a trying time during Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne that caused millions of dollars in damage; and

Whereas, during the remainder of his tenure with the Department of Public Safety, the first "Pet Friendly" shelter opened, the Emergency Response Command and Control Unit was purchased, the State of Florida Shelter Retrofit Program was initiated to provide hurricane protection to eleven shelters in Seminole County and Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) were placed in County buildings, law enforcement buildings, and public schools; and

Whereas, Kenneth M. Roberts, throughout his career with Seminole County Department of Public Safety, has consistently displayed to the citizens and employees alike; pride, dedication, compassion and fairness; with personal honesty being his cornerstone; and

Whereas, Kenneth M. Roberts has served Seminole County and its citizens in an exemplary fashion and, effective January 17, 2007, will officially be retiring; and

Whereas, Kenneth M. Roberts will truly be missed by many fellow employees and friends alike; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, wishes to commend Kenneth M. Roberts for his love of this community, faithful service, and commitment to Seminole County, its members and its citizens during his seventeen years of public service; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, is desirous of making known to the County employees and citizens of Seminole County, its appreciation to Kenneth M. Roberts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, that it hereby causes this Resolution to be spread upon the official minutes of the Board of County Commissioners in recognition and appreciation of service to the citizens and residents of Seminole County by Kenneth M. Roberts.

Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution be forwarded to Kenneth M. Roberts, along with our sincere wishes for a healthful and happy future.

Adopted this 9th day of January, A.D. 2007.

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Attest:

Maryanne Morse, Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners
In and for the County of Seminole,
State of Florida

Carlton D. Henley, Chairman