

**RESOLUTION****THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA ON THE 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D., 2006.**

**WHEREAS**, RANDALL C. (RANDY) MORRIS has faithfully served Seminole County and its citizens with the highest level of integrity, professionalism, expertise and commitment for twelve years; and

**WHEREAS**, RANDY MORRIS began his service to the citizens of Seminole County as an elected official in 1988 on the Lake Mary City Commission and served as Mayor from 1990 through 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, RANDY MORRIS was seated as Seminole County Commissioner for District 2, was immediately elected Chairman, served as Chairman for three of the next four years, was re-elected to a second term in 1998, and was elected to the County Commission for a third term in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, RANDY MORRIS has been recognized as a visionary regarding transportation issues by supporting Orlando light rail and commuter rail projects. Commissioner Morris worked with U.S. Congressman John Mica to secure nearly \$300 million in funding for three major projects in Seminole County: the I-4 Veterans Memorial Bridge, the Seminole County Expressway Authority's six mile "Missing Link" of the GreeneWay, and the I-4/CR 46A Interchange. He was instrumental in the construction of the East Lake Mary Boulevard Extension, the County's median and I-4 interchange landscaping policies, and the renaming of CR 427 to Ronald Reagan Boulevard. As Chairman of MetroPlan, he led the first regional effort for traffic safety and has served on the National Transportation Operations Coalition, MetroPlan Orlando-Volusia Joint Central Florida Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, RANDY MORRIS has been a strong proponent of economic development, receiving the Florida Economic Development Council's Richard L. McLaughlin Award in 2000 and was voted by the Orlando Business Journal as the region's Best Elected Official of 2002. Commissioner Morris was responsible for negotiating numerous corporate relocations including AT&T and Mitsubishi, championing the development of SciNet in partnership with Microsoft and the University of Central Florida, and played an integral role in the creation of the Lake Mary High-Tech Corridor, in securing AA bond ratings for the County, and negotiating the County's cable-franchising agreements. He has served on the Central Florida Economic Development Commission, and the Southern Economic Development Council; and

**WHEREAS**, RANDY MORRIS became an outspoken advocate and champion of Natural Lands, promoting the Bond Referendum of 2001 and 2006, the Rural Lands Charter Amendment, and Seminole County's trails and greenways program including the award winning bridge over I-4 at Lake Mary. Commissioner Morris supported the Lake Mary Boulevard Gateway overlay as Mayor of Lake Mary and the official designation of Canopy Roads. The effects of his advocacy are joint-use agreements with cities to develop parks and recreational areas including Jetta Point and Winter Miles, renovation of Big Tree Park and the naming of "The Senator's" companion 2,000 year old tree "Lady Liberty", strict adherence to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for protection of Seminole County's rural area boundaries, and protection of central Florida's water resources. Commissioner Morris was presented the Friend of the Florida Trail Association Award in 1998 and the Champion of Sustainability Award-Nature Category in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, RANDY MORRIS has involved himself in the community through his earnest and compassionate support of Kids House of Seminole County, receiving the Kids House Child Advocacy Leadership Award in 2004. He has served on the Boy Scouts of America Executive Board of Directors, the Boy Scouts Golden Eagle Dinner, and was the Golden Eagle Dinner Honoree for 2003. Commissioner Morris has supported SafeHouse of Seminole and received the Office of the State Attorney 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Victims Rights Community Leadership Award in 2005, and has advocated for the Good Samaritan Home of Sanford, the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford and Meals On Wheels; and

**WHEREAS**, RANDY MORRIS has championed various construction projects and renovations to benefit the citizens of Seminole County including construction of the Public Safety/Sheriff's Office Building and new Criminal Justice Center, expansion of the jail, and renovation of the County's Animal Services adoption center. Commissioner Morris has helped initiate the Lake Mary swimming pool joint project with Seminole County Public Schools and the expansion of the Museum of Seminole County History; and

**WHEREAS**, RANDY MORRIS has instituted many programs and community wide initiatives such as the annual *State of the County Address*, proposed the broadcasting of all government meetings, proposed the creation of Seminole Government Television (SGTV), initiated revisions to the County's billboard ordinance to control sign blight, and was instrumental in creating the County's Internet web site. Commissioner Morris led the first joint meeting with all seven cities

and school board, was vital in the creation of the Juvenile Assessment Center at Five Points, and championed Pre-K programs and after-school care in conjunction with the YMCA and Public Schools, and most recently, the countywide mosquito control program; and

**WHEREAS,** RANDY MORRIS galvanized support from the County Commission, Seminole County Legislative Delegation, The Orlando Sentinel, and Governor Jeb Bush to rein in unethical check cashing practices, culminating in a landmark ceremony in the Seminole County Board Chambers as Governor Bush signed state legislation regulating hold-a-check interest rates; and

**WHEREAS,** RANDY MORRIS successfully campaigned to eliminate long distance toll charges from Orlando to Sanford, replacing those tolls with a 25¢ flat rate through BellSouth because he "didn't believe calling Sanford should be like calling Spokane".

**WHEREAS,** RANDY MORRIS initiated the establishment of Sister-County (Twinning) agreements with the Basque Autonomous Region of Spain and the Navarra Autonomous Community of Spain in 1997, was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to represent Enterprise Florida with the government of Spain, led the Seminole County delegation on several visits to Wicklow, Seminole's Sister-County in Ireland, and represented the City of Orlando in creating a Sister-County agreement with Capetown, South Africa; and

**WHEREAS,** RANDY MORRIS represented the Board of County Commissioners as liaison to the East Central Florida Regional Planning Commission (Chairman three years), MetroPlan Orlando (Chairman twice), Joint City/County Advisory Committee (Chairman), Seminole County Expressway Authority (Chairman), U.S. 17-92 Redevelopment Planning Agency (Chairman since inception), [Myregion.org](http://Myregion.org) (founding member-Vice Chairman), Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Metro Orlando International Affairs Committee, United Arts, Seminole County Port Authority, Tourist Development Council, Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX), Central Florida Zoological Society, Value Adjustment Board, CALNO, Wekiva Task Force, St. Johns River Water Management District, Orlando-Sanford Airport Authority, the Seminole County Industrial Development Authority, and served on the Florida Association of Counties Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee (Co-Chairman), Smart Growth Alliance, Florida Regional Councils Association (President), National Association of Regional Councils (President); and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of County Commissioners wishes to commend RANDY MORRIS, on behalf of county staff and the citizens of Seminole County, Florida, and desires to acknowledge his twelve years of conscientious and faithful service, exceptional leadership and his infectious sense of humor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida that this Resolution be spread upon the Official Minutes by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Seminole, and that this Resolution be presented to RANDALL C. (RANDY) MORRIS with sincerest best wishes and in deep appreciation and recognition of his three terms of service on the Board of County Commissioners representing District 2 and the citizens of Seminole County.

**ADOPTED,** this 7th day of November, A.D. 2006.

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ATTEST:

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Maryanne Morse, Clerk to the Board  
Of County Commissioners in and for  
The County of Seminole, Florida

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Carlton D. Henley, Chairman

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Robert E. Dallari, Vice Chairman

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Dick Van Der Weide

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Brenda Carey

Date \_\_\_\_\_