

**PROCLAMATION HONORING
COMMISSIONER DEBORAH BUCHHOLTZ**

WHEREAS, Deborah (Deb) Buchholtz began her tenure as a Kalamazoo County Commissioner on January 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Deb served for eleven years as Kalamazoo County Commissioner and was the first woman to serve twice as chairwoman of the County board, immersing herself in every aspect of County government and striving to increase her knowledge of all operations all while serving her constituents and County employees to the best of her ability; and

WHEREAS, Deb held significant leadership roles as either Chairwoman or Vice-Chairwoman for the final eight years while on the Board of Commissioners, working in a bipartisan manner to ensure the best interests of Kalamazoo County; and

WHEREAS, Upon Deb's departure from the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, she continued to serve Kalamazoo County in a variety of roles throughout the community including as a member of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission where she sought to create a collaborative culture that raised an already high performing organization to even greater levels of performance; and

WHEREAS, Deb's drive, determination and passion were infectious to all she met and was a true leader and could bring both sides of the political isle together. She listened to everyone and built consensus around issues while being respectful. She was committed to good governance and fiscal responsibility. She led the use of performance measurement, strategic planning, behavioral science, and data-based decision making in government. She developed a reputation for seeking solutions to problems through thorough research and input from myriad sources, with a goal of continuous system and program improvement. She provided leadership in juvenile home and jail design and construction, helped in the creation of the aeronautics board, helped the development of county parks master plan and self-sustainability goals, assisted the introduction of a successful cost saving well program and wrote staff and board performance evaluation tools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Commissioner Deb Buchholtz;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kalamazoo County's loss of Deb will be forever felt and we are grateful for her contribution to Kalamazoo County.

DATED: May 17, 2022

Mike Quinn, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)
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I, Meredith Place, County Clerk/Register for the County of Kalamazoo, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on May 17, 2022

Meredith Place
Kalamazoo County Clerk/Register