

TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

A RESOLUTION to honor Iliff McMahan Jr., of Newport, Tennessee, upon his retirement from the State of Tennessee;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor public servants upon the formal completion of their careers who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts have improved the quality of life for the citizens of Tennessee;

WHEREAS, Iliff McMahan, a native of Newport, Tennessee, is a veteran of the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1973;

WHEREAS, Iliff McMahan earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Fine Arts from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, Iliff McMahan has benefited from the love and support of his wife Deborah and his two step-daughters, Sarah and Lexi;

WHEREAS, Iliff McMahan began his professional career working at The Washington Post newspaper, with both the marketing and advertising departments for 10 years;

WHEREAS, Iliff McMahan returned and settled in Cocke County, Tennessee in 1995, where he served as the first Tourism Director for Cocke County, successfully promoting tourism and business development;

WHEREAS, Iliff McMahan served as the first Tourism Director for the Morristown/Hamblen County Chamber of Commerce, and then later as General Manager of the Chamber;

WHEREAS, Iliff McMahan served as the Marketing and Public Relations Manager for Newport Utilities;

WHEREAS, Iliff McMahan was elected Cocke County Mayor in 2002, serving two terms;

WHEREAS, Iliff McMahan served as Assistant Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, where he was the Department's liaison with the federal government, the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, and rural counties in Tennessee;

WHEREAS, Iliff McMahan served as the Regional Director for Northeast Tennessee for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development where he directed the state's efforts

to recruit and expand new international business investments in Tennessee and promote economic development;

WHEREAS, Iloff McMahan served his community and his state through service on many councils and boards, serving as co-chair of the National Parks Conservation Association Southeast Regional Council, serving on the County Executives of America Board of Directors, serving as a board member on the Tennessee Statewide Workforce Development Board, serving as a member of the Kiwanis Clubs of Newport and Morristown, working with the Great Smoky Mountains Regional Greenway System, serving on the Middle East Tennessee Tourism Council, working on the Smoky Mountain Wildlife Project, serving as a member of the Parrottsville Rotarian Club, serving as a mentor for the Tennessee Achieves program, and holding a Life Membership of both the American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 75 and the Disabled American Veterans Post 102;

WHEREAS, through his dedication, Iloff McMahan has earned numerous certifications, awards and honors, including graduating from the Leadership Cocke County program as well as the East Tennessee Regional Leadership program; earning a certification from the University of Tennessee as a Certified Tennessee Tourism Professional in 1998; being recognized as the Outstanding Veteran Employee of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development in 2017; being honored by Governor Bill Haslam as one of six Outstanding Veteran Employees of the Year in 2017; and earning a certification from the University of Tennessee as a Tennessee Certified Economic Developer in 2018;

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned roles and public service, Iloff McMahan served with distinction on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations from 2011 through 2019; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS that we hereby honor and commend Iloff McMahan, Jr., on his retirement from his career with the State of Tennessee and for his valuable contributions throughout eight years of service on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and for his honorable and dedicated service to the good people of this great state.

Mayor Larry Waters, Acting Chairman