

**A RESOLUTION**  
**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, Frank Morast, III, recently retired after over thirty-six years from service to the Columbus Consolidated Government and the citizens of Columbus, Georgia;

WHEREAS, Frank was a life-long resident of Columbus having been born on August 29, 1960 to Frank Morast, Jr. and Kathleen Morast. Early on Frank was called “Brother” and many of his old friends still call him “Brother”. Frank grew up at 1422 Elmwood Drive in Overlook, attended Wynnton and Brookstone, and graduated from Columbus High in 1978. Frank attended both Columbus State University and Georgia Southwestern University and received a degree from Georgia Southwestern University in 1985.

WHEREAS, shortly after graduation, Frank began his career with the Columbus Consolidated Government in the Revenue Department on February 24, 1986.

WHEREAS, early in Frank’s career, Frank Lambert recognized his skills managing people and finance. With his encouragement, Frank began working with the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia and the Muscogee Manor Nursing Home on July 17, 1995.

WHEREAS, Frank saw a need to be a certified Nursing Home Administrator and he successfully received his Licensed Nursing Home Administrator certificate on April 9, 1998 becoming the first CEO to have a Nursing Home license. Later, Frank was certified to be an instructor;

WHEREAS, Frank has had the longest tenure as CEO having been CEO for over 26 years. When Frank started, the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia had 242 beds at Muscogee Manor;

WHEREAS, Frank successfully acquired Azalea Trace Nursing Center in February, 2012 and successfully acquired Hamilton House Nursing Center in June, 2013;

WHEREAS, Frank recognized the need for new and better care for the elderly and disabled in our community and led the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia in the construction and opening of Orchard View Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center with 200 beds which was completed on February 28, 2015 and the construction and opening of Ridgecrest Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center with 84 beds which was completed on February 8, 2021;

WHEREAS, during Frank’s illustrious career as CEO of the Hospital of Columbus, Georgia, it has grown to become the largest caregiver of the elderly in Muscogee County and one of the most profitable, best run nursing homes in the entire State. Currently, the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia is certified to have 480 beds;

WHEREAS, Frank was sometime called the Leonardo da Vinci of fishing and hunting because of his skills as an avid fisherman, hunter and later becoming a master chef learning how to cook everything he caught and killed;

WHEREAS, Frank followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps and became a local Indian archeologist and artifact collector his entire life; and

WHEREAS, Frank Morast has devoted almost his entire career to taking care of the elderly and disabled citizens of Columbus, Georgia, and his efforts are worthy of special recognition by this Council of this incredible service to our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby express our deep appreciation to Frank Morast, former President of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia, for his service and dedication to the elderly and disabled citizens of Columbus, Georgia. His contributions to the Columbus community will long be remembered. Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Frank Morast and the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 22 day of February, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_

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SANDRA T. DAVIS,  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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B.H. "SKIP" HENDERSON, III  
MAYOR