

**PROCLAMATION  
TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA  
IN HONOR OF VERDENIA C. BAKER**

**WHEREAS**, Florida native and long-time Palm Beach County resident **Verdenia C. Baker**, Palm Beach County Administrator, commenced her career with Palm Beach County in 1987 when she was hired as a Budget Analyst; and

**WHEREAS**, **Verdenia C. Baker** rose through the ranks of Palm Beach County government, serving as Impact Fee Coordinator, Director of Financial Management, Assistant County Administrator, and Deputy County Administrator before ascending to the position of County Administrator in September of 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, **Verdenia C. Baker** made history by becoming the first woman and first African American to serve as Palm Beach County Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, during her lengthy tenure, **Verdenia C. Baker** dedicated herself and her career to improving the quality of life for Palm Beach County residents and business owners as well as visitors to our county with a particular focus on affordable housing, improving infrastructure and facilities, tourism and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, **Verdenia C. Baker** is held in high regard and is deeply respected and admired not only by her local government management colleagues but also by leaders and members of national, state, local, professional and community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, **Verdenia C. Baker** has long served as an example and a role model for many of our children, young ladies, students and professional local government managers/administrators by utilizing her knowledge and experience to achieve the highest non-elected position in Palm Beach County government; and

**WHEREAS**, **Verdenia C. Baker** has been a strong partner with the Town of Lake Park and the Town wishes to publicly recognize and honor **Verdenia C. Baker** for her contributions as a dedicated public official and congratulate her on her well-earned retirement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on behalf of the Citizens and Commission of the Town of Lake Park, I, Roger Michaud, Mayor of the Town of Lake Park, do hereby publicly commend **Verdenia C. Baker** and express our gratitude for the service she has rendered to the Town of Lake Park and the entirety of Palm Beach County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the Town of Lake Park, Florida to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

BY:

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Mayor Roger Michaud

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk Vivian Mendez