

PROCLAMATION

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 Black person to serve as Palm Beach County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, during her distinguished career, Verdenia C. Baker dedicated herself to improving the quality of life for the residents, business owners, and visitors of Palm Beach County, with a particular emphasis on housing, tourism, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Verdenia C. Baker is deeply respected and admired by her political colleagues and leaders across national, state, local, professional, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Verdenia C. Baker has served as a powerful example and role model for women in government, using her knowledge, leadership, and dedication to rise to the highest non-elected position in Palm Beach County government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee wishes to publicly recognize and honor Verdenia C. Baker for her outstanding contributions to public service and congratulates her on a well-earned retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission and our citizens, do hereby commend **Verdenia C. Baker** and express our gratitude for the service she has rendered to the City of Pahokee and to all of Palm Beach County.

In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this 22nd day of April 2025.



Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

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