

Proclamation



***WHEREAS,** Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay was first elected in 2014. After serving as Mayor in 2017/2018, she was re-elected without opposition. Prior to election, Commissioner McKinlay spent twenty years advocating on behalf of women, children, and families as a Legislative aide to the Palm Beach County Legislative Affairs Office, members of Congress, and the US Senate, as a volunteer and as a single mom; and*

***WHEREAS,** Commissioner McKinlay served as the 2020-2021 President of the Florida Association of Counties and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties. She is a former Chair of the National Association's Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee and is the only woman and Floridian to ever do so. Today, she remains a Vice Chair of the committee, as well as a member of their Immigration Reform Task Force, the past President of the Women's Caucus, and a Board Member of their NextGen Association for young leaders; and*

***WHEREAS,** Commissioner McKinlay also serves as the Vice Chair of the Lake Okeechobee 16-County Coalition and was recently appointed by the Biden Administration to serve on the Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee, where she also serves on the Subcommittee for Environmental Justice; and*

***WHEREAS,** locally, she serves on the 15th Circuit State Attorney Addiction Recovery Task Force, the Transportation Planning Agency, the Board of the South Florida Fair, and as a Trustee on the Palms West Hospital Board of Trustees. Previously, Commissioner McKinlay was appointed to the Children's Services Council, spent five years on the Executive Committee of the Business Development Board, and served on the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board; and*

***WHEREAS,** the end of Commissioner McKinlay's term, as a Palm Beach County Commissioner, is on November 15, 2022 and she will be missed. Be it professionally or personally, Commissioner McKinlay continued being a strong advocate for not only women, children, and families, but for Palm Beach County, with much needed attention given to the Glades area; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby honor and thank Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay for her years of service, hard work, and dedication.*

Done this 11th day of October, 2022

Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Clara Murvin

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Juan Gonzalez

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