

DeKalb County Government

Proclamation of Appreciation

P2020-04

- GARY H. HANSON DAY 2020 -

For his distinguished Service to DeKalb County Government

November 14, 1983 to December 31, 2020

WHEREAS, Gary Hanson began serving DeKalb County Government as Finance Director on November 14, 1983; rising to the position of County Administrator on December 1, 2012, and

WHEREAS, during his 37-year tenure, Mr. Hanson oversaw significant changes both within governmental operations and in the DeKalb County community as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Mr. Hanson are too numerous to fully delineate, but minimally include: being a part of either the updating or the construction of each one of the County's nine buildings, negotiating countless number of Intergovernmental Agreements, bringing forth 36 Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinances to the DeKalb County Board for consideration that have always maintained the County's highest level of services despite going through difficult financial years, as well as leading the County in achieving the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 33 consecutive years, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hanson has always been someone who has a vision for the future. There is thoughtfulness behind his decisions and he has always been mindful of the taxpayers' dollars, and

WHEREAS, He has always striven to find "win-win" solutions to every challenge, and

WHEREAS, in his role as County Administrator, Mr. Hanson has often challenged County Department Heads to try and make a difference, and

WHEREAS, while a partial listing of Mr. Hanson's major County initiatives are, of course, noteworthy, both the DeKalb County Board and the staff of DeKalb County Government recognize that, during his 13,500+ days of service, Gary Hanson's open-door policy, his willingness to advise, counsel, mentor, and challenge us all, has resulted in smarter, stronger, and more citizen-focused service to the residents of DeKalb County, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hanson has a strong sense of family, a love of his community, a desire to help those in need, and possesses a willingness to always work with others to reach a worthwhile goal, and

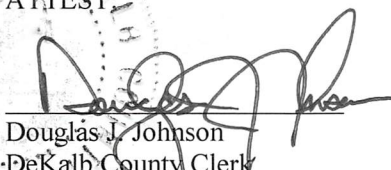
WHEREAS, Gary Hanson will be retiring as County Administrator on December 31, 2020, after completing 37 years of commendable, dedicated service to DeKalb County Government and the citizens of DeKalb County, and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board does wish to pause, reflect, and memorialize the service of Mr. Gary Hanson to DeKalb County Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Thursday, December 31, 2020, the effective date of Gary Hanson's retirement, and in honor and recognition of the outstanding and dedicated service he has provided to DeKalb County and to its citizens, is officially designated as "Gary H. Hanson Day".


Given at Sycamore, Illinois, this 18th Day of November, 2020.

ATTEST


Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk



SIGNED:


Mark Pietrowski, Jr.
DeKalb County Board Chairman