

WHEREAS, Benjamin H. Pingree began his service to the people of Leon County in May of the year 2000, starting as a an Analyst in the Office of Management and Budget; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Ben served the public as Leon County's Special Projects Coordinator, Assistant to the Public Services Director, and finally as Assistant to the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Ben's creativity and innate good sense were well applied to many projects in the public interest, including the Leon County Charter Initiative, the Healthcare Program Proposal, the development of the County's Emergency Management Services Department, State and Federal Legislative Programs, and economic development projects, such as creation of the Enterprise Zone and Business Accelerator Program; and

WHEREAS, Ben is widely known for his warm and friendly demeanor, his cool professionalism, and his passionate loyalty to the citizens of Leon County, and all those who were privileged to serve with him; and

WHEREAS, Ben demonstrated an uplifting and admirable spirit in the conduct of his duties, and was a shining example of integrity, decency, competency and fairness, for which he will long be remembered and admired.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA that

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be commended for his service, his sacrifice, his achievements and most of all his friendship, to all of us in Leon County government. Further, The Board, having recognized in him the highest standards of ethics and character, grudgingly bids him a fond farewell, with heartfelt congratulations to the Board of County Commissioners and people of Wakulla County for their wisdom and good fortune in acquiring such an outstanding public servant as their County Administrator.

DATED this 23rd of January, A.D., 2007.