



**VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON
COUNCIL RECOGNITION**

***WHEREAS**, in keeping with the celebration of Wellington's 25th Anniversary of Incorporation, the Village Council would like to recognize former mayors: Ms. Kathy Foster, Mr. Carmine Priore and Mr. Tom Wenham for their generosity of time, effort, service and participation in Wellington's incorporation and development; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Kathy Foster was first elected as President of Wellington's first governing body, the Acme Improvement District Board of Supervisors, in 1992. The only woman among 23 candidates and she won with 48 percent of the vote. During this time, she began to work towards Wellington's incorporation. Upon incorporation, she was elected to the inaugural Village Council in March of 1996. Based on Ms. Foster winning the majority of the vote, she became Wellington's first inaugural Mayor. Ms. Foster served on the Village Council until 2000; leaving to become the Executive Director of the Adam Walsh Children's Fund. She also later went on to become the Executive Director of Junior Achievement and founded Wellington Cares which helps seniors age in place; and*

***WHEREAS**, Dr. Carmine Priore was first elected to the Acme Improvement District Board of Supervisors in 1992. He served as Board President from 1994-1996. Dr. Priore worked tirelessly through Wellington's incorporation process. He was elected to the inaugural Village Council in 1996 and served as Vice Mayor from 1996-1998 and as Mayor from 1998 to 2000. Dr. Priore through his service over the years, dedicated himself to excellence in municipal government; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Tom Wenham, was appointed to chair a committee of the Acme Improvement District, the Utility Review Committee, and then ran for a seat to serve on the Acme Improvement Board of Supervisors and was elected in 1994. He was pivotal to the quest for incorporation and was elected to the inaugural Wellington Village Council in 1996. He served as Wellington's appointed Mayor from 2000-2003. When Wellington moved to an elected mayor, Mr. Wenham became the Council's first elected Mayor in 2003 and held the position until 2008. He is currently the Chair of the Wellington Community Foundation; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, the Village Council expresses their gratitude and honors Kathy Foster, Carmine Priore and Tom Wenham for their enormous contributions that helped to create the foundation for the thriving community that exists today and for setting the standard for excellence in service to the Village of Wellington and its residents.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March 2021.

ATTEST:

WELLINGTON, FLORIDA

By: _____
Anne Gerwig, Mayor

By: _____
Tanya Siskind, Vice Mayor

By: _____
John T. McGovern, Councilman

By: _____
Michael Drahos, Councilman

By: _____
Michael Napoleone, Councilman