

**PROCLAMATION
IN HONOR OF VERDENIA C. BAKER**

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 lengthy tenure, **Verdenia C. Baker** dedicated herself and her career to improving the quality of life for residents and business owners in, and visitors to, Palm Beach County, with a particular focus on housing, tourism, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, **Verdenia C. Baker** is held in high regard and is deeply respected and admired not only by her political colleagues but also by leaders and members of national, state, local, professional, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, **Verdenia C. Baker** has long served as an example and a role model for women in government by using her intelligence and experience to achieve the highest non-elected position in Palm Beach County government; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Royal Palm Beach wishes to publicly recognize and honor **Verdenia C. Baker** for her contributions as a dedicated public official and congratulate her on her well-earned retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Citizens and Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, I, Jeff Hmara, Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, do hereby publicly commend **Verdenia C. Baker** and express our gratitude for the service she has rendered to the Village of Royal Palm Beach and the entirety of Palm Beach County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida to be affixed this 15th day of May, 2025.

Mayor Jeff Hmara
Village of Royal Palm Beach

ATTEST:

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk