

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING MITCHELL H. BANCHEFSKY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY

WHEREAS, in 1997, Mitchell H. Banchefsky, an attorney with Carlile Patchen & Murphy, after a phone call from then Mayor Colleen Briscoe, was chosen by City Manager Dennis White to serve as the solicitor for the Village of New Albany; and

WHEREAS, Mitch's law firms changed, but Mitch stayed the course with New Albany, eventually becoming a solo practitioner working primarily for the city in 2016; and

WHEREAS, when Mitch started, the village was primarily a residential suburb for its 2,200 residents, became a city in 2011, and by 2021, had expanded into 2 counties encompassing 11,000 acres with 10,825 residents, and also became home to many retail, financial, manufacturing, and tech companies; and

WHEREAS, Mitch counseled New Albany as village solicitor and city law director, supported New Albany's many boards and commissions, served as prosecutor in Mayor's Court, served on the Income Tax Review Board and the Public Records Commission, and guided the city's 2010 and 2020 charters; and

WHEREAS, when a legal issue arose, when a pot had boiled over, when a bell couldn't be unrung, when nothing "good" happened before 5 pm, when the city manager went on vacation, and when you needed and set of belt and suspenders, it was time to call 1-800-Mitch; and

WHEREAS, Mitch retired from representing the city after 24 years on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, New Albany was fortunate to have Mitch there, in person or just a phone call away, to offer legal advice to us all.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of the Council and residents of New Albany, wish to recognize and congratulate **Mitchell H. Banchefsky** on a well-deserved retirement after 24 years of service to this community.

WHEREBY, Council sets their hands this 1st day of March, 2022.

Mayor Sloan Spalding

CM Marlene Brisk

CM Kasey Kist

CM Mike Durik

CM Edward Fellows

CM Matt Shull CM Andrea Wiltrout