



**A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING  
COLLEEN H. BRISCOE  
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE  
NEW ALBANY**

**WHEREAS**, Colleen H. Briscoe moved with her family to the Village of New Albany in 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, Colleen challenged the incumbent mayor and, with support of family, friends, and residents, and the endorsement of the local paper, she was elected, winning by 59 votes; and

**WHEREAS**, when Colleen took office in 1996, New Albany covered 3,575 acres with a population of around 2,200 in less than 1,000 homes; and

**WHEREAS**, as mayor, Colleen presided over the hiring of City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Law Director Mitch Banchefsky, Public Service Director Mark Nemec, and many more long-term loyal employees, as staff grew from 10 to 101; and

**WHEREAS**, after 7 years, Colleen was appointed and subsequently elected to city council, a job she has held for 19 years; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure, Colleen knew that change would be hard and worked to implement said change, overseeing many building and development projects, often in partnership with other municipalities and organizations - she was a purposeful convener and collaborator; and

**WHEREAS**, Colleen contributed to making New Albany what it is today - a city encompassing 11,023 acres in 2 counties, with 10,825 residents in 3,700 homes, and hosting over 18,000 day-time employees; and

**WHEREAS**, as a boss, Colleen gave clear directions, set expectations, and turned staff loose to do their jobs - she trusted the people she hired to do the work and do it well; and


**WHEREAS**, council members, community leaders, and staff have known Colleen to be a straight talker, a budget hawk, a strategic thinker, a facial expression-maker, a numbers person, a quick concept-grasper, a no-nonsense decision-maker, a big picture defender, a reluctant ribbon cutter, a sincere mentor, and a fast meeting runner, and she is all these things and more; and

**WHEREAS**, we are grateful that Colleen is a good friend, steadfast colleague, and a New Albany visionary - whether she was feeling it at the moment or not - and that she gave so much of herself and her time to making New Albany a better place.

**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 **Colleen H. Briscoe** on her well-deserved retirement after 26 years of service to this community.

**WHEREBY**, Council sets their hands this 14th day of December, 2021.

  
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Mayor Sloan Spalding

  
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