

PROCLAMATION

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Honoring the Retirement of

Ms. Alice Du Pont

WHEREAS, Ms. Alice Du Pont was born in Gadsden County where she attended school and graduated in 1966. She then attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) majoring in English; at that time, journalism degrees were not offered; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alice Du Pont attended FAMU part-time and worked full-time, including a two-year stint at the school's Sports Information Office until she graduated in 1974. After graduation, she worked at the Tallahassee Democrat writing women's news and weather, then later covered areas including school news and FAMU. She left the Tallahassee Democrat in the mid 1970's to work for the State in public information writing press releases; however, she later realized that she missed rushing out to cover breaking news, talking to people and waiting on sources to call back; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alice Du Pont moved on to work for a television station in Miami, FL as the only African-American on staff writing about television shows. Experiencing hurdles that came in that era, Du Pont said while the best and brightest in the black community back then might have steered clear of journalism, those who stayed became a tough group and blazed the trail for the next generation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alice Du Pont left the television station and worked at FAMU for two years before she took a job working on then Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter's campaign, and then for his Administration in Washington, DC for one year. From there she went on to work for the Palm Beach Post, staying there for five years until she returned to Gadsden County after the passing of her father, Ira Du Pont; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alice Du Pont then worked in a friend's Tallahassee office until she found her true passion working at the Gadsden County Times in the mid 1980's as a reporter. After the Editor left the Times, Ms. Du Pont filled that position, working with two young reporters and a total staff of about thirty. Before long, thirty years had passed; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alice Du Pont has devoted over thirty years of distinguished, continuous service to Gadsden County and her service to others is woven into the fabric of Gadsden County and her local community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED on this 3rd day of June, 2014 that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners recognizes Ms. Alice Du Pont for her years of invaluable service to Gadsden County and extends best wishes for a long, happy and well deserved retirement.

AND BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that a copy of this Proclamation be kept in the records of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and presented to Ms. Alice Du Pont.

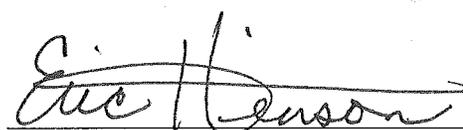
Attest:
Gadsden County, Florida



Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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