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Proclamation Recognizing the Retirement of Sherri Cassidy

- WHEREAS,** the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, regretfully announces the retirement of Sherri Cassidy, who was hired November 1, 2001 and has served in many roles, including Accountant, Budget Analyst, Budget Manager, Finance Manager, Financial Services & Contracts Division Manager, Finance Division Manager, County Controller, and most recently as the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director of Financial Services; and
- WHEREAS,** Sherri has led Financial Services through two decades of growth and change, seeing her department grow from less than 15 people to over 90, and has seen the County budget increase from \$196 Million in 2002 to \$513 Million in 2022; and
- WHEREAS,** under her leadership, the Budget Process was improved and enhanced, requiring her to navigate the challenges of obtaining consensus from all Countywide elected officials, Executive Directors, and Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS,** Sherri was directly involved in or had oversight of 65 Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) implementations (GASB's 34-98); and
- WHEREAS,** Sherri continued to grow and share her expertise by being a member of the Government Finance Officers Association, the El Paso County Health Plan Trust Board and the El Paso County 457 Plan Investment Committee plus earning her Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) designation in 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** with Sherri at the helm, El Paso County Financial Services was nationally acclaimed, being granted the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award nearly every year from 2005-2020 as well as receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award seven times in the last sixteen years; and
- WHEREAS,** by being an early adopter of the SmartWork concept, Sherri provided her staff the ability to work from home but also have a reservable space when they need to be in the office; by doing this, scarce office space was freed up for other uses, staff are happy with their new flexibility, and lost time from work due to weather or pandemic isolation requirements was eliminated; and
- WHEREAS,** under Sherri's leadership, the Financial Services Department began using digital record-keeping systems, which saved tons of paper, enhanced their ability to retrieve documents, and saved storage space at the Records Center; and
- WHEREAS,** Sherri has been honored to work beside and collaborate with all the dedicated El Paso County employees throughout the years and will fondly remember the people she has shared laughs and had fun with, as well as the many friendships made, including five different County Administrators and 19 different Commissioners that Sherri has worked with in her time with El Paso County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, hereby proclaims its gratitude to Sherri Cassidy for her more than twenty years of service to El Paso County and wishes her the best in retirement.

DONE THIS 22nd day of February 2022 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



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