

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

WHEREAS, in July 1978, Donna S. Mitchell began her career with the City of Dover's Finance Department serving as Accountant, Payroll Specialist and Financial Reporting Manager until July 1989 when she left City employment. Mrs. Mitchell returned to the City of Dover as the Finance Director/Controller/Treasurer on October 16, 2000 and was appointed to the position of City Manager on December 11, 2017. She will conclude her service on October 30, 2020, with an official retirement date of June 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell's keen intellect, vast accumulated experience, detailed knowledge of the City's financial and operational systems, and her passion for professional development have equipped her with a remarkable ability to address questions regarding every aspect of the City of Dover. She guided Dover through many complex challenges and provided steady leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic and other matters important to the City; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell has thoughtfully developed even-handed fiscal strategies that provided value to the City's citizens and customers. She has also laid a sound financial foundation for the future of Dover by prudently managing unfunded liabilities and creating the opportunity to focus on the City's capital needs, while she carefully considered and remained sensitive to the needs of the workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council recognize that Donna S. Mitchell will be sorely missed and express their sincere appreciation to her and her family for the dedicated years of service and personal sacrifices made on behalf of the City of Dover, and wish her and her family success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council direct the City Clerk to make this resolution a part of the permanent records of the City of Dover as a lasting symbol of appreciation and gratitude to Donna S. Mitchell.

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 26, 2020

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN MAYOR

WILLIAM F. HARE COUNCIL PRESIDENT