Resolution No. 2021 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LAZY LAKE, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT OF VILLAGE GOVERNANCE; DECLARING VACANT THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AS A RESULT OF THE RESIGNATION OF EVAN ANTHONY; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AS ACTING MAYOR UNTIL THE OFFICE OF MAYOR IS FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW; SETTING FORTH A CONTINGENT DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN THE EVENT A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL IS APPOINTED MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE; SOLICITING INTEREST FROM VILLAGE RESIDENTS CONCERNING THEIR DESIRE TO SERVE THE VILLAGE AS MAYOR OR POSSIBLY AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL AND PROVIDING SOME INFORMATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; ANNOUNCING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL’S INTENDED TIMEFRAME TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO FILL THE VACANT OFFICE AND POTENTIALLY VACANT OFFICE; REQUESTING THE ACTING MAYOR TO PROVIDE NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE MANNER OUTLINED IN THE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFORE.

**Whereas,** Evan Anthony has resigned as Mayor of the Village of Lazy Lake, Florida; and,

**Whereas,** by virtue of Resolution No. 2021-1, the Village Council has previously appointed Richard Willard as President of the Council to be able to exercise the powers of the Mayor in the absence, disability, or disqualification of the Mayor, and the Village Council wishes to confirm such appointment until the Office of Mayor is filled; and,

**Whereas,** Art. I, Section 10, of the Village Charter imposes a duty on the Village Council to declare vacant elected offices “Vacant” and to proceed to fill such vacancies; and,

**Whereas,** Art. II, Section 3 of the Village Charter provides that the Members of the Council shall have the duty to select a duly qualified citizen to fill a vacant Office for the remainder of such Office’s unexpired term, and if a majority of the remaining Members of the Council are unable to agree upon the selection to fill a vacant seat after two regular meetings have been held following the Declaration of Vacancy, the Village Council shall call a special election to be held for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and,

**Whereas,** Fla. Stat. §166.041(1)(b) (2019) provides that a municipal Resolution *“means an expression of a governing body concerning matters of administration, an expression of a temporary character, or a provision for the disposition of a particular item of the administrative business of the governing body”;*  and,

**Whereas,** the Village Council desires to fulfill its Charter duty to fill the Office of Mayor by adopting this Resolution and acting in accordance therewith; and,

**Whereas,** it is possible that a current Member of the Village Council may ask to be considered as Mayor, and if appointed Mayor, this would then create a vacant seat on the Council which would need to be filled; and,

**Whereas,** the Village Council recognizes that it will be filling vacant seats during the timeframe when local governments typically conduct budgeting and ad valorem tax hearings, and it would serve the interests of good governance to be able to fill any potentially vacant seats on the Council at the same time as the vacant seat of Mayor is filled; and

**NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village Council of the Village of Lazy Lake, Florida, that:

**Section 1**: The forgoing recitals are approved.

**Section 2**: Given the resignation of Evan Anthony, the Office of Mayor of the Village of Lazy Lake, Florida is hereby **DECLARED** **VACANT** as of the effective date of this Resolution.

**Section 3:** Until the Office of Mayor is filled, the President of the Village Council shall be the Acting Mayor of the Village. As Acting Mayor, the President shall be able to exercise temporarily all of the Charter powers of Mayor (and none of the powers of Council Member), including, but not limited to being authorized to make non-emergency expenditures of up to $500.00 from the Village’s funds.

**Section 4:** The Village Council shall endeavor to proceed to fill the vacant seat of Mayor as provided in this Resolution. It is possible that a Member of the Village Council (including the Acting Mayor) may seek the Office of Mayor, and if appointed, this would create a vacant seat on the Council. In the event of this contingency, and in order to expedite any potentially vacant Council seat to be filled as soon as possible, there is hereby **CONTINGENTLY DECLARED VACANT** a seat on the Village Council.

**Section 5:** The following statement concerning Notice to the Village’s residents is approved for the purpose of setting forth the procedures the Members of the Village Council intend to follow concerning filling the vacant seat of Mayor:

“**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Village Council of the Village of Lazy Lake, Florida will endeavor to fill the Office of Mayor for the remainder of each Office’s unexpired term at the Village Council Regular Meeting of the Village Council. The seat has been declared vacant as a result of former Mayor Evan Anthony’s resignation. The remaining term for Office of Mayor expires on March 31, 2022.

**NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN** that it is possible that a Member of the Village Council (including the Acting Mayor) may seek the Office of Mayor, and if appointed, this would create a vacant seat on the Council. In the event of this contingency, and in order to expedite any potentially vacant Council seat to be filled as soon as possible the Village Council has **CONTINGENTLY DECLARED VACANT** a seat on the Village Council. The Village Council will endeavor to fill any potentially vacant Council Seat for the remainder of such Office’s unexpired term at the next Regular Meeting of the Village Council. The remaining term for Office of Council Member expires on March 31, 2022.

The Village Mayor is a public officer and must be a qualified elector of the Village of Lazy Lake. In summary, the Mayor is the Village’s ceremonial head of government, and generally has the responsibility of running the day to day affairs of the Village. While the Mayor is not a Member of the Village Council and thus can not vote on any Ordinance or Resolution, the Mayor has a Charter based veto prerogative on such measures. The Mayor does not receive any compensation for his or her public service. If a person is appointed to the Office of Village Mayor, while he or she serves another elective office which has a term that overlaps the term of the vacant seat, he or she will have been deemed to have resigned such other public office.

A Council Member is a public officer and must be a qualified elector of the Village of Lazy Lake. In summary, a Member of the Village Council is part of the Village’s governing body, and thus, may vote on all Ordinances and Resolutions of the Village; however, Council Members are not charged with the responsibility of running the day to day affairs of the Village. The Members of the Village Council do not receive any compensation for their public service. If a person is appointed to the City Council while he or she serves another elective office which has a term that overlaps the term of the vacant seat, he or she will have been deemed to have resigned such other public office.

If any resident of the Village is interested in serving the Village in the capacity as Mayor or as a Member of the Village Council, he or she is encouraged to provide the following information by e-mail to the Village’s Administrative Assistant by August 10, 2021, at 5:00 PM: his or her name and address, whether the resident is willing to serve the Village as Mayor, or as a Member of the Council, or in either capacity, and a short statement about the prospective candidate concerning any information he or she desires the Village Council to know. The Village Administrative Assistant’s e-mail address is: [clerk@lazylakefl.us](mailto:clerk@lazylakefl.us). The Village Administrative Assistant will ensure that the Council Members receive candidate submissions by the agenda closing deadline for the next Regular Meeting of the Village Council. The Village Council will review such candidate submissions as have been received, and such other information as the Village Council may deem appropriate about submitting candidates or other possible candidates, and shall endeavor to make appointments to fill such vacancy (ies) at the next Regular Village Council Meeting; however, if the Village Council is unable to fill a vacant seat by appointment before the close of the Regular Village Council Meeting which first follows the next Regular Village Council Meeting, a special election shall be called for a date as soon as practicable thereafter after consultation with the Broward County Supervisor of Elections.”

**Section 6:** The Village Administrative Assistant is directed to post a Notice substantially in the form approved in Section 3 on the Village Website and e-mail such Notice to the e-mail recipients on the Village e-mail list. The Acting Mayor is requested to post a copy of a Notice substantially in the form approved in Section 3 within the Village Notice Board.

**Section 7:** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or other part of this Resolution be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole or any portion or part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

**Section 8:** This Resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after passage by the Village Council and by signature by the Acting Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Village Council this 20th day of July 2021.

Council Member Voice Vote Absent

Patrick Kaufman Yea \_\_\_ Nay \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Carlton Kirby Yea \_\_\_ Nay \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Ray Nyhuis Yea \_ \_\_ Nay \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Daniel Copher Yea \_ \_\_ Nay \_\_\_ \_\_\_

SIGNED BY THE ACTING MAYOR this day of , 2021.

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ACTING MAYOR RICHARD WILLARD

ATTEST:

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VILLAGE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

