

Resolution of Appreciation Christopher Nchopa-Ayafor

WHEREAS, Christopher Nchopa-Ayafor joined the Tarrant County Information Technology Department in January 2013 as Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO) and has served as Chief Information Officer since 2014; and

WHEREAS, as the County government's top technology executive, Chris Ayafor provided comprehensive strategic and tactical direction to enterprise IT directors, managers, and 200+ employees in delivering technology services to over 4,000 government employees across 100+ County departments, agencies, and business units; and

WHEREAS, Chris Ayafor directed the development and administration of an approximate \$60 million annual budget, with an approximate \$121 million in technology assets/inventory under management and collaborates with County Executives and Elected Officials in the exercise of his duties; and

WHEREAS, Chris Ayafor was educated in Cameroon, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States. He has earned several industry certifications and holds three graduate degrees in the domains of management, information systems engineering and business administration; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining Tarrant County as Deputy CIO, Chris Ayafor served as Deputy CIO at Maricopa County, Arizona and spent several years in the private sector and academia as an information technology engineer, consultant, researcher, and college faculty member; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Chris Ayafor was appointed and continues to serve as vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Information Technology for the National Association of Counties (NACo) and serves on the International Economic Development Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, Chris Ayafor also serves his community as a member of the Deacon Board of his local church. He is also a community leader and fundraiser in the DFW area for support of West African refugees; and

WHEREAS, Chris Ayafor most recently received the 2019 Dallas CIO of the Year ORBIE Award in the category Nonprofit/Public Sector and will leave Tarrant County having professionally and compassionately served for over 10 years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby recognize Christopher Nchopa-Ayafor for his years of exemplary and invaluable service to the citizens of Tarrant County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and cause the seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 17th day of October 2023.