



# PROCLAMATION

COUNTY OF KENTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

**WHEREAS:** William "Bill" Goetz is a legend in local government in Kenton County, Northern Kentucky, and the Commonwealth. Starting in the 1960's, he served his hometown of Fort Mitchell as a Member of Council (1964-1981), Mayor (1982-1993), and City Administrator (1993-2005). Mr. Goetz is a founding member of the Kenton County Mayors' Group, which formed in the early 1990's to promote cooperation and communication among the cities in Kenton County. Mr. Goetz also served Fort Mitchell on the Fire Department from 1959 to 1976; and

**WHEREAS:** Bill Goetz was a leader in the merger of the cities of South Fort Mitchell and Fort Mitchell in 1966, and expanded the resulting city through annexations. Mr. Goetz established a fully accredited police department, developed a mechanism to fund road projects, established high standards for street construction, developed a sustainable capital replacement plan, and led the charge to create a fundraising source for parks, enabling the construction of General Ormsby Mitchel Park; and

**WHEREAS:** Bill Goetz served as a mentor to numerous elected and appointed officials throughout his career and, to this day, remains a resource to elected and appointed officials with his institutional knowledge of local government in Kenton County. Mr. Goetz is the consummate example of a true public servant.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** We, the Kenton County Fiscal Court, do hereby proclaim William "Bill" Goetz as a:

## 2020 KENTON COUNTY PIONEER AWARD HONOREE

In witness thereof, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the County of Kenton, Kentucky.

Judge/Executive Kris A. Knochelmann

  
Commissioner Beth Sewell  
Commissioner Dr. Jon Draud  
Commissioner Joe Nienaber