

WHEREAS:

Mer Grayson resides in Ft. Mitchell with his wife of 50 years, Susan. Together, they have two children and four grandchildren. He is a graduate of Covington Catholic, and the University of Kentucky. His unmatched record of leadership in banking led to his service as President of Covington Trust Bank and Regional President for Huntington National Bank and Central Bank; and

WHEREAS:

Mr. Grayson served with distinction on numerous boards throughout Northern Kentucky, including St. Elizabeth Health Care (Chair for seven years), St Elizabeth Health Care Foundation (Founder and Chair for 10 years), Northern Kentucky University (Chair), Thomas More College (Chair), Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce (Chair), Tri-County Economic Development, Northern Kentucky Educational Council, and the Greater Cincinnati Airport Board; and

WHEREAS:

Mr. Grayson was also the first Northern Kentuckian to chair the annual Fine Arts Fund (now ArtsWave) campaign and one of the first Northern Kentuckians to serve on the board of the Cincinnati Opera, and also served on the boards of the University of Kentucky, Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, Commonwealth Fund for KET, the Markey Cancer Center at UK and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS:

Mr. Grayson served United Way in numerous leadership capacities as a long-time member of the Foundation Board, serving as Chair from 2011 through 2013. In his time on the Foundation Board, he directed a team of high-level volunteers responsible for providing leadership in developing and executing ongoing strategies for the planned giving and endowment program for United Way. Mr. Grayson's service on the United Way Board of Directors spanned 22 years, including time as Chair. He also served many times on the Northern Kentucky Campaign Cabinet and chaired the Northern Kentucky Campaign on two occasions.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Kenton County Fiscal Court, do hereby proclaim Mer Grayson as a:

2018 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, this 7th day of August, 2018.

Judge/Executive Kris A. Knochelmann

Commissioner Beth Sewell

Commissioner Dr. Jon Draud

Commissioner Joe Nienaber