



COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

***WHEREAS,** James L. Hutchison, Sr.'s career with the City of Dover began with his appointment on September 11, 1967 as a Patrolman in the Dover Police Department. He ultimately attained the position of Chief of Police and retired from the Department after more than 25 years of service on December 19, 1992. James L. Hutchison, Sr. was sworn into office as Councilman At-Large on May 10, 1993. After serving one year, he relinquished his seat as Councilman, successfully ran for Mayor, was sworn into office on May 9, 1994, and became Dover's first full-time Mayor on May 11, 1998, serving with distinction until May 10, 2004. James L. Hutchison, Sr. was sworn in as Councilman representing the First Council District on May 9, 2011 and served in that office with distinction until May 8, 2017. During his most recent tenure on Council, he served as Chair of the Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee; Utility Committee; and President's Counsel on Public/Private Partnerships and the Future of City Hall, Weyandt Hall, Former Dover Library and Other City Properties; and as a Member of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee; Ad Hoc Financial and Operational Advisory Committee; Police Chief Selection Committee; and Kent Economic Partnership; and as a Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce and Greater Dover Committee and to Kent County on the City/County Committee; and*

***WHEREAS,** as James L. Hutchison's long and storied history with the City of Dover shaped him into an exemplary leader and outstanding public servant, his diligent efforts also helped to shape the City. He was instrumental in the extension of term limits for members of City Council from two to four years; Council's transition from laptops to tablets for easier access to meeting materials, and the reinstatement of the Council Committee of the Whole meeting format for standing Council committees. These important contributions have greatly enhanced Council's deliberations and resulted in significant cost savings; and*

***WHEREAS,** James L. Hutchison's deep-rooted and lifelong love for the City is evident to all he encounters and has been manifested by his many years of devoted service. His selfless labor, affable personality, and innumerable accomplishments in advancing the interests of the City of Dover have earned him a reputation for excellence in governing throughout the City of Dover and the State of Delaware.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council recognize that James L. Hutchison, Sr. will be sorely missed, express their sincere appreciation to him and his family for the dedicated years of service and personal sacrifices made on behalf of the City of Dover, and wish him and his family success in all future endeavors.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby 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 James L. Hutchison, Sr.*

ADOPTED: MAY 8, 2017

ROBIN K. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR

TIMOTHY A. SLAVIN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT