

## OAK RIDGE RESERVATION COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION in honor of John Owsley, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, for his service to ORRCA on the occasion of his retirement.**

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Oversight Agreement was established between the State of Tennessee (State) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in May 1991 to assure the citizens of Tennessee that their health, safety, and environment are being protected by DOE; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Oversight Agreement includes a provision to provide a better understanding by the local governments and the public of the past and present operations at the DOE's Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) and potential impacts on human health and the environment by the ORR; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has been a lead agency to implement the Tennessee Oversight Agreement, including the provision to enhance public education and intergovernmental relations with the affected local government jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, TDEC established the Department of Energy Oversight Division, and located the Division's main office in Oak Ridge, to help implement the Tennessee Oversight Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance (ORRCA) was established in 2012 to implement the local government provisions of the Tennessee Oversight Agreement and consists of the jurisdictions of Anderson County, Knox County, Morgan County, Roane County, and the City of Oak Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, John Owsley, a resident of Oak Ridge, began his career with TDEC in August 1977, and has held various positions as Biologist, Environmental Manager, Environmental Consultant, and Assistant Division Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Owsley served for many years as TDEC's Department of Energy Oversight Division Director, based in Oak Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Owsley managed the Division as an effective leader, always responsive to the needs and concerns of local government officials and citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Owsley has recently retired, and will be missed by his colleagues, including ORRCA members.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that members of the Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance convey to John Owsley their deep appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to local officials and citizens in the ORRCA member jurisdictions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ORRCA members wish Mr. Owsley much happiness and good health during his retirement and all future pursuits.

APPROVED this day December 5, 2016

  
ORRCA Chairman