

## **RESOLUTION NO. 22-30**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH HONORING THE LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEGACY OF WILLIAM “BILL” BUSKELL; DEDICATING A PORTION OF SOUTH THOMAS DRIVE AS “BILL BUSKELL MEMORIAL DRIVE.”**

**WHEREAS**, on February 15, 1940, William A. “Bill” Buskell, was born in Washington D.C. and would go on to be raised in Bristol, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1984, Buskell developed Pineapple Willy’s into a renowned and beloved destination restaurant in the City of Panama City Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, Buskell’s pioneering vision and love of people made Pineapple Willy’s a landmark of the City and a visit to Pineapple Willy’s became a tradition for thousands of families; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of Pineapple Willy’s led its visitors to bring home souvenir t-shirts which became walking advertisements for the City and its beautiful beaches and amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, in his business and personal life Buskell was known for his compassion and fairness which he demonstrated through his support for many charitable causes throughout his life but especially those focused on helping the causes of Panama City Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, in that spirit, Buskell was instrumental in the founding of Beach Care Services which is dedicated to helping the needy who work and live on Panama City Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, through his continued support for Beach Care Services, Buskell helped thousands of families make it through tough times over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Buskell’s spirit of fun and charity can be felt in the culture that has grown around him in Panama City Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Buskell died on November 8, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, William A. Buskell, was a champion of the City of Panama City Beach and Bay County who exemplified service to his community and what it means to live, work, and play in a real fun beach community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, that:**

1. The City of Panama City Beach honors the life, accomplishments, and legacy of William A. "Bill" Buskell.
2. From this day forth, that portion of South Thomas Drive from Shady Lane to the western border of 9875 South Thomas Drive shall be dedicated as "Bill Buskell Memorial Drive."

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 27th day of October, 2022.

**CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH**

By:   
Mark Sheldon, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Lynne Fasone, City Clerk