

**RESOLUTION 16-48**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Mr. John "Rusty" Russell, Jr. will retire from the City of Huntsville as Director of Emergency Management on February 1, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rusty was hired on as the Huntsville-Madison County EMA Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program Specialist in 1996. He served as an Emergency Management Officer and later the Emergency Operations Coordinator before being appointed Director in December 2001. His background is in U.S. Army Pershing Missile System operations and as Senior Non-Commissioned Officer for the Army Material Command's Logistic Support Activity at Redstone Arsenal prior to retiring in 1996 with twenty-two years of service; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rusty was designated as Madison County's point of contact for the Alabama Department of Homeland Security by the Madison County Commission Chairman. Rusty was also selected as the regional point of contact for the Alabama Department of Homeland Security by fellow Homeland Security contacts in the 10 northeastern counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, he served as President of the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers as well as three terms as President of the North Alabama Mutual Assistance Association. He is a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers USA where he is a Past President of the IAEM USA Region 4 representing the eight southeastern states and is currently serving as 1st VP IAEM USA. Rusty is a technician level amateur radio operator. Electronics and woodworking are his main hobbies; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Rusty was presented with the Clayton R. Christopher Annual Memorial Award. The award recognizes the recipient for unselfish devotion and outstanding contributions to the overall Emergency Management Program. This award is presented annually by IAEM-USA Region 4 and is the foremost and only National Recognition specifically and exclusively reserved for Local Emergency Managers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge, congratulate, and extend best wishes to John "Rusty" Russell, Jr. in recognition of his retirement from the City of Huntsville, Alabama after nineteen years of dedicated service. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

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**ADOPTED** this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

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President of the City Council of the  
City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama