



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Mark A. Murray has embodied a life of dedicated public service for the betterment of Michigan and her citizens; and

Whereas, Mark provided expertise in finance, education, budget, and nearly every other area of public policy to state leaders, governors, legislators, business leaders, and educators; and

Whereas, Mark's role in many leadership positions in state government, including as Director of the Department of Management and Budget, State Budget Director, State Treasurer, and Education Advisor to the Governor provided Governor Engler and those agencies with sound, prudent, direction for the betterment of all Michigan; and

Whereas, Mark moved his commitment from state government to higher education by serving as vice president for Finance and Administration at Michigan State University and then as the third President of Grand Valley State University; and

Whereas, Mark's contributions to Michigan continued after he left public employment by serving on many boards and committees in his capacity as President, co-CEO, and Vice-Chairman of Meijer; and

Whereas, Mark continues his efforts to improve government policy and make Michigan an attractive place to live and locate businesses as part of the West Michigan Policy Forum; and

Whereas, Even in retirement, Mark continues to serve as a director or trustee of many community and professional organizations promoting environmental conservancy, sound public policy, and healthcare for Michiganders;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Citizens Research Council celebrates Mark's accomplishments and honors him with the "Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr. Public Service Award" on this Monday, September 16, 2024.