CALDWELL COUNTY
RESOLUTION 11-24
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
SHERIFF ALAN C. JONES
36 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, ALAN C. JONES HAS SERVED THE CITIZENS OF CALDWELL COUNTY FOR 21½ YEARS. SERVING 4 YEARS AS MAJOR, CHIEF DEPUTY WITH CALDWELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BEFORE BEING NAMED AS SHERIFF OF CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA IN 2007, AND

WHEREAS, HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE WITH 14½ YEARS WITH THE CITY OF LENOIR POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKING HIS WAY FROM PATROLMAN TO SERGEANT TO DETECTIVE AND LIEUTENANT FOR A TOTAL OF 36 YEARS IN LAW ENFORCMENT; AND

WHEREAS, SHERIFF JONES IS THE 32nd SHERIFF IN CALDWELL COUNTY SINCE ITS CREATION IN 1841 AND HAS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ITS LONGEST SERVING SHERIFF SURPASSING HIS 3RD GREAT GRANDFATHER, SHERIFF ROBERT G. TUTTLE, WHO SERVED FOR 18 NON-CONSECUTIVE YEARS 1852-1866 & 1880-1884; AND

WHEREAS, SHERIFF JONES IS NOTED FOR INSTILLING PROFESSIONALISM IN LAW ENFORCEMENT INCLUDING OFFICER SAFETY, TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRITY, HONESTY, PROPER EQUIPMENT; AND

WHEREAS, HE IS KNOWN FOR CREATING A CULTURE OF INNOVATION AMONGST HIS STAFF, LEADING THE DEPARTMENT AS AN EARLY ADOPTER OF TECHNOLOGY IN LAW ENFORCMENT, INCLUDING IN-CAR CAMERAS, MOBILE DATA TERMINALS, BODY CAMERAS, COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAMS, FLOCK CAMERAS, THREE-DIMENSIONAL CRIME SCENE MAPPING, AND HELPED CREATE THE FIRST HYBRID ANIMAL CARE ENFORCEMENT DEARTMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA; AND

WHEREAS, SHERIFF JONES LED BY EXAMPLE, OBTAINING A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND A MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINSTRATION BOTH FROM APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY, COMPLETION OF NORTH CAROLINA'S SHERIFF'S LEADERSHIP SCHOOL FROM BOTH UNC CHAPEL HILL AND DUKE UNIVERSITY, COMPLETION OF THE FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY AND THE SOUTHERN POLICE INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER SHERIFF JONES HAS SERVED ON A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES INCLUDING 12 YEARS ON THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFF'S EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION, CURRENTLY AS CHAIRMAIN, AND SECRETARY TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATON, MEMBER OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE, AND THE TRAUMATIC INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM; AND

WHEREAS, SHERIFF JONES IS A MENTOR TO MANY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST TERM SHERIFFS ACROSS THE STATE. GIVING OF HIS TIME TO TEACH AND EXPAND THE BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS AT APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY, CALDWELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, AND WILKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MAKING HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO ADVISE AND CONSULT IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROFESSION; AND

WHEREAS, SHERIFF JONES GIVES BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY, HIS FAITH, AND IS A DEVOTED HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE KIM AND A LOVING FATHER TO SON GARRETT AND DAUGHTER JILLIAN. HIS ADVICE TO ALL: "IF YOU HAVE A DREAM, NEVER GIVE UP ON IT. FOLLOW YOUR HEART AND TRUST IN THE LORD. THE RESULTS WILL COME."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF CALDWELL COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLICLY COMMEND **ALAN C. JONES** FOR HIS 36 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSION AND 21½ YEARS OF IMPECCABLE SERVICE AS THE 32ND SHERIFF OF CALDWELL COUNTY, NC.

ADOPTED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024

Randy T. Church, Chairman

Donnie Potter, Commissioner

Michael W. LaBrose, Vice Chairman

Robbie Wilkie, Commissioner

Jeff Branch, Commissioner

Abby Rich, County Clerk