CALDWELL COUNTY
RESOLUTION 03-24
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
DAVID STEVEN LACKEY
43 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS; DAVID LACKEY HAS SERVED THE CITIZENS OF CALDWELL COUNTY FOR 43 YEARS. UPON GRADUATING CUM LAUDE WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY IN 1977, DAVID WORKED FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL. DAVID OBTAINED A JURIS DOCTORATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW IN 1981. HE BEGAN WORKING IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN CALDWELL COUNTY IN 1981; AND

WHEREAS; DAVID WAS APPOINTED CALDWELL COUNTY ATTORNEY ON NOVEMBER 5TH 1990, SERVING UNTIL DECEMBER 21, 2024. DAVID IS THE LONGEST SERVING COUNTY ATTORNEY IN MEMORY WITH 34 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE WAS DEDICATED TO HIS POSITION AS COUNTY ATTORNEY PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES IN ALL MATTERS INCLUDING SPECIAL LEGISLATION, PERSONNEL, EMINENT DOMAIN, PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, CODE ENFORCEMENT, LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING, ANIMAL CONTROL, CONTRACT LAW, PUBLIC HEALTH, BUILDING INSPECTIONS, LIABILITY INSURANCE, RAILROADS, AND CHAIRING MULTIPLE QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS FOR THE BOARD; AND

WHEREAS; DAVID LED INNOVATIONS IN THE ORDINANCES AND LEGAL OPERATIONS OF CALDWELL COUNTY. HE WORKED THROUGH SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES WITH THE COUNTY LANDFILL. HE COMPLETED THE FIRST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF ITS KIND BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND MERCHANT DISTRIBUTORS INCORPORATED, AND, AFTER MONTHS OF SIGNIFICANT TOIL, CONCLUDED THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WITH GOOGLE INCORPORATED IN 2006; AND

WHEREAS; DAVID SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CURRENT COUNTY JAIL. DAVID'S LEADERSHIP ON THIS COMMITTEE LED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WELL-RESEARCHED, INNOVATIVE, AND EFFECTIVE JAIL FACILITY; AND

WHEREAS; DAVID WAS ADMITTED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR IN 1981. HE IS AN ATTORNEY OF RENOWN IN CALDWELL COUNTY AND THE 36TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT. DAVID IS A MEMBER OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, WHERE HE HAS TWICE SERVED AS PRESIDENT; HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE 36TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION WHERE HE HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT. DAVID HAS ARGUED BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS; AND

WHEREAS; DAVID HAS SERVED FOR 10 YEARS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMOREM, FORMERLY CALDWELL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE. HE HAS SERVED AS THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND HAS SERVED ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR UPWARDS OF 5 YEARS; AND

WHEREAS; DAVID HAS REMARKED THAT IT HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT HONOR TO SERVE AS COUNTY ATTORNEY. DAVID HAS ENJOYED WORKING WITH THE MANY COMMISSIONERS, 8 COUNTY MANAGERS, MANY DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND STAFF OF THE COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS; DAVID CREDITS HIS PARENTS FOR HIS SUCCESS. THEIR HARD WORK IN THE FURNITURE INDUSTRY AND DETERMINATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO SUCCEED LED TO HIS SUCCESSFUL EDUCATION AND CAREER AS AN ATTORNEY. DAVID ALSO CREDITS HIS LONG-TIME PARTNER AND "TREMENDOUS MENTOR" HUGH WILSON WHO HE HAS WORKED WITH SINCE 1985; AND,

WHEREAS; IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE TO THE LAW AND THE PEOPLE OF CALDWELL. THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL PLACE DAVID STEVEN LACKEY'S PORTRAIT IN THE CALDWELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF CALDWELL COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLICLY COMMEND **DAVID STEVEN LACKEY** FOR HIS **43** YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CALDWELL COUNTY.

Adopted this the 10th, Day of February, 2025

Randy T. Church, Chairman

Michael W. LaBrose, Vice Chairman

Donnie Potter, Commissioner

Jeff Branch, Commissioner

Patrick Starnes, Commissioner

Abby Rich, County Clerk