

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MICHELLE LANCASTER
UPON RETIREMENT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Michelle Lancaster has accomplished an impressive 30-year career in public service through the university system and local government; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lancaster joined Union County Government in 2015 as Assistant County Manager before being promoted to Deputy County Manager, sharing responsibility for overall county executive administration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lancaster oversees 11 Union County departments, including serving as Executive Director of the Consolidated Human Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lancaster is involved in numerous community and state organizations, as well as serving in leadership roles, including the Union County United Way Board, the Union County Community Arts Council Board, the North Carolina City/County Management Association, and the International City/County Management Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lancaster has faithfully served Union County, its Board of Commissioners, and residents by providing strong leadership, wise guidance, trusted advice, and effective management over the last eight years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lancaster represents the best of this community, often leading with her heart to implement positive changes that benefit the majority of our community and make Union County a better place to live, work and do business; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lancaster is highly respected throughout the state of North Carolina and has positively impacted thousands of lives by the programs she has overseen and changes she has spearheaded; and

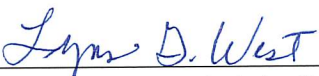
WHEREAS, Ms. Lancaster has announced her retirement as Deputy County Manager effective March 31, 2023, after more than 25 years working in local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union County Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere appreciation to Michelle Lancaster for her years of leadership and dedicated service to the Union County community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Proclamation be made a part of the official minutes of the Union County Board of Commissioners and that an official copy of this expression of the Board's appreciation be presented to Michelle Lancaster.

Adopted this 20th day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:



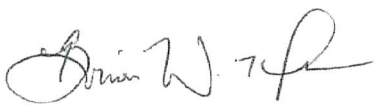
Lynn G. West, Clerk to the Board



Stony D. Rushing, Chairman



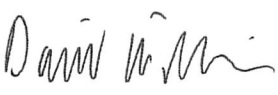
Melissa Merrell, Vice Chair



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David Williams, Commissioner

