

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** February 7, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Dr. Laura Leatherwood – Community College  
President of the Year

**PRESENTER:** Board of Commissioners

**ATTACHMENTS:** No

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to recognize Dr. Laura Leatherwood upon being named 2022 President of the Year by the State Board of Community Colleges for North Carolina. The award, established in 2001, recognizes outstanding leadership and commitment to the community college mission from the presidents of the 58 institutions of the North Carolina Community College System.

In her nearly five years at Blue Ridge Community College, Dr. Leatherwood has forged strong partnerships within the community to assist with integrating the education and workforce sectors in Henderson and Transylvania counties. With Dr. Leatherwood diligently working to bring new technology, buildings, and associate degrees to Blue Ridge, the college has increased its enrollment each year during her tenure. Blue Ridge Community College experienced the highest student count in its history in fall 2021.

Congratulations to Dr. Laura Leatherwood, but the real winners are the current and prospective students of Blue Ridge Community College, the businesses in Henderson and Transylvania counties, and the citizens of our communities.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

No Board Action is requested, this item is for informational purposes only.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

*No motion suggested.*