



Resolution of Appreciation for Doctor Denise Elaine Bonds

WHEREAS, Doctor Denise Elaine Bonds has completed thirty years of dedicated service as a physician in our community and the surrounding localities and has faithfully served Albemarle County and the entirety of the Blue Ridge Health District as director for seven of those years; and

WHEREAS, during her seven-year tenure as the director of the health department, Dr. Bonds served multiple districts including eight counties and two cities and oversaw several public health initiatives, including the renaming of the health district from “Thomas Jefferson” to “Blue Ridge” to reflect a more inclusive organization; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bonds oversaw the expansion of the district’s HIV testing and prevention services, increased access to testing for sexually transmitted diseases and broadened the size and reach of the Population Health Division, including launching a robust Community Health Worker program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bonds provided Albemarle County and other localities with critical leadership and insight throughout the two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under her leadership the Blue Ridge Health District was one of the first districts to establish a dedicated resource hotline, offer community access to free drive-through COVID-19 testing, and make vaccines available in neighborhoods through the use of a mobile health unit and home-bound services, resulting in the highest vaccination rate in the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby honor and commend Dr. Denise Bonds for her many years of exceptional service to the residents of Albemarle County and the Blue Ridge Health District. Her lasting legacy of health care service and the tangible results from her work to make the Blue Ridge Health District better for future generations.

Signed this 18th day of May 2022.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors