



Resolution of Appreciation for Amelia McCulley

WHEREAS, Amelia McCulley has faithfully served the County of Albemarle for over 38 years, spending her entire professional career with the Department of Community Development starting on May 23, 1983, as a full-time data entry clerk and rising to Deputy Director of Community Development, a position she's held for over two and a half years; and

WHEREAS, Amelia is recognized for her superior leadership in her 30 years as Zoning Administrator rendering zoning determinations and completing her career without once having a determination overturned in court; and

WHEREAS, Amelia's colleagues and customers acknowledge her fairness, her wisdom and ability to make difficult decisions, her integrity, and her willingness to address challenging issues and conflicts, plus her dedication, her love of and support of staff, her courage to take on what was difficult and not just procrastinate, and her relentless pursuit of 'getting stuff done'; and

WHEREAS, Amelia championed numerous initiatives within the Department to better serve the community and staff of Albemarle County, including but not limited to the development of the Coordinated Action Response Team, joining groups together across departments to serve community members in need; career ladders for each division in support of professional development for staff; the approach regarding blighted properties and evaluating each using criteria prioritizing public safety; the creation of partnerships with departments and external agencies based on specific projects or areas of focus including Albemarle County Police Department, Fire/Rescue, the Department of Social Services, Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Department Of Transportation to name a few, and in partnership with local farm wineries, working on numerous regulatory changes which are now models for other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Amelia's performance has been exemplary through her firm and fair administration of the Zoning Ordinance while reducing the variances before the Board of Zoning appeals from a high of 35 a year to between 0 and 2 annually; her creation, implementation, and enforcement of code to address an array of topics such as signs, noise, rezoning proffers, and homestays; the implementation of a change from criminal proceedings to a streamlined civil process for zoning enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Amelia exhibited bravery in serving search warrants with Albemarle County Police Department protection on properties of known criminals with drugs, guns, and dangerous dogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors do hereby honor and commend Amelia McCulley for her many years of exceptional service to the County of Albemarle; the Department of Community Development; the Albemarle County community in which we live; and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia, with the knowledge that Albemarle County is strengthened and distinguished by Amelia's dedication, commitment, professionalism and compassion in meeting the community's needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, as a lasting, visible testament to the esteem in which this Board and previous Boards holds Amelia for her lasting legacy of community service and the tangible results from her work to make Albemarle County better for future generations.

Signed this 15th day of December 2021.

Ned Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors