



# Mecklenburg County Public Health

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Health Director

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Members of the Committee:

It is an honor to submit Angela Lee for consideration to receive the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in recognition of her 30 years of service protecting the health of the people of North Carolina.

It has been my pleasure to work with Angela in her role as Assistant Health Director for Preventive Health in Mecklenburg County. As her supervisor, I have collaborated with her in meeting our Public Health goals in the key areas of Environmental and School Health, and in the complex challenges of HIV/STI prevention, care and case management.

These are some of our largest programs, serving the needs of an increasingly diverse population while remaining committed to the department mission *to preserve and protect the public's health*. Angela has provided inspired leadership, which was never clearer than in helping the department shift in response to COVID-19, helping to direct a large department's response to a continually shifting environment.

Underlying her work is a commitment to community engagement and a focus on addressing health disparities. She has established effective partnerships with providers, faith communities and others to meet shared goals. Mecklenburg County has benefited from her experiences in Onslow County, where she spearheaded a number of efforts focusing on the health needs of women and children.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is an appropriate recognition for a life lived in service to the people of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paige Bennett". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "P" and a series of connected loops for the rest of the name.

Paige Bennett, MPH  
Deputy Health Director