



November 16, 2023

To whom it may concern:

Reflecting on my many years of working with Angela Lee in Public Health I am happy to recommend her for the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

I became familiar with Angela's work in Onslow County through the NC Association of Local Health Directors and the NC Public Health Association. I was impressed with her personal commitment, and her focus on the wellbeing of women and children. Her work was recognized by her peers when Angela was named an All Star in 2010.

In 2019, as Mecklenburg County Health Director, I had the opportunity to hire Angela as Assistant Health Director for Preventive Health. Angela took on crucial leadership roles at a time of great organizational change, and helped the department successfully navigate the implementation of a new culture focused on excellent customer service. Her role took on additional responsibilities as the department had to quickly develop and implement new policies and procedures to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Angela helped steer two large, complex programs – Environmental Health and School Health – into new ways of operating, while maintaining services in HIV/STI prevention and care.

Angela served on the Executive Team, assisting in providing overall direction for the department. She also helped in maintaining relationships with community partners that are necessary to meet our program goals.

Angela's career reflects the best of Public Health professionalism, centered on a commitment to service and an ongoing dedication to addressing health disparities. Her 30 years have helped improve the health of two communities, impacting the overall well-being of the state.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is a fitting commendation for her contributions to North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gibbie Harris".

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