

PROCLAMATION HONORING JANE LONON

WHEREAS, Jane Lonon has been an integral part of the Ashe County Arts Council since moving to Ashe County in 1981, serving as a volunteer and board member, and since 1988, serving as the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her tireless work with the Ashe arts community, Jane's impact on the entire county has been enormous by serving on various committees and boards of directors including the West Jefferson Community Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, and Ashe Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Jane has been an integral part of the Christmas in July Festival held in downtown West Jefferson each summer, as well as an integral part in the Festival's continued success; and

WHEREAS, Jane has been recognized by her volunteer work by being awarded Ashe County Volunteer of the Year, North Carolina Arts Council Volunteer of the Year, and by receiving the Ashe County Chamber of Commerce's Champion and President's awards; and

WHEREAS, Jane was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2013, the highest honor in the State of North Carolina that any civilian can earn; and

WHEREAS, Jane's knowledge, wisdom, professionalism, and passion is evident with every project she is involved in; she has been a role model for countless individuals and organizations during her 38 years of service to the citizens of Ashe County; and

WHEREAS, Jane will be retiring as Executive Director of the Ashe County Arts Council on June 30, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ashe County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 30, 2019, as:

Jane Lonon Day

in Ashe County, and urge all citizens to join the Board of Commissioners in congratulating Jane for the service, loyalty, and dedication that she has rendered to our community.

PROCLAIMED this 17th day of June, 2019.

Todd McNeill, Chairman
Ashe County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ann J. Clark, MMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners