

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-34**

**A RESOLUTION OF RESPECT AND APPRECIATION FOR  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER PAGE IVES LEMEL**

**WHEREAS**, Page Ives Lemel has served Transylvania County and its citizens for eight years as a County Commissioner, including three years as vice-chair; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brevard City Council wishes to recognize Page's service as a public official during her term as a County Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, Page supported protecting the rich history of this County by supporting the preservation of the County's historic structures, most notably through repairs to the Courthouse and restoration of the Silvermont Mansion, including signing onto the Silvermont Preservation Plan and Master Plan in an effort to extend its longevity and preserve the mansion for many generations; and facilitated an architectural and cultural survey of the African American communities in Transylvania County; and

**WHEREAS** as Commissioner, Page represented the Board of Commissioners by serving citizens on various boards and committees, including the Dupont State Recreational Forest Advisory Committee, Smart Start Board of Directors, Joint Parks and Recreation Strategic Planning Task Force, Extension Advisory Board, Social Services Board, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Health and Human Services Steering Committee Chair and Board of Directors, Legislative Voting Delegate to the Legislative Goals Conference, Social Services Working Group, Vaya Health LME/MCO County Commissioner Advisory Council, Early Childhood Initiative/GetSet Transylvania, Blue Ribbon Commission on Local Financing Options for Early Childhood Development, Senior Services Task Force, REACH Task Force, and Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Task Force, and several other local, State and national boards and groups; and

**WHEREAS**, Page has received several awards for her work, including the National Association of Counties Achievement Award for Best Childhood Program in the nation for the GetSet Transylvania Early Childhood Collective model, the Duke Energy Citizen and Service Award which recognizes the efforts of a person who demonstrates outstanding volunteerism and community service, and the Charles Duke Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Duke University; and

**WHEREAS**, Page was especially passionate about serving and lifting up those most vulnerable in our community; she spearheaded the Early Childhood Initiative/GetSet Transylvania utilizing the collective impact model process that pulled together more than 22 entities including government agencies, nonprofits and local businesses to focus on improving early childhood; she was inspired to address the community concerns around a high rate of children not testing as ready for kindergarten and concerns for families about affordable, quality child care; GetSet's work resulted in being selected as a partner community for Sesame Street in Communities, the fourth in the nation, which was launched at HalloweenFest in 2018.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Brevard, North Carolina, express to you, Page Lemel on behalf of our citizens and officials, our respect, appreciation and gratitude for your unselfish, devoted and invaluable service and contributions rendered to the citizens of Transylvania County and the City of Brevard.

Adopted and approved this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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Jimmy Harris, Mayor

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Mac Morrow, Mayor Pro Tem

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Maureen Copelof, Council Member

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Maurice Jones, Council Member

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Gary Daniel, Council Member

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Geraldine Dinkins, Council Member

**ATTEST:**

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James R. Fatland, City Manager

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Jill Murray, City Clerk

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Michael K. Pratt, City Attorney

