



RESOLUTION HONORING

BRENT T. HERRON

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Brent T. Herron has served as an invaluable leader of the UNC System as Associate Vice President and Senior Associate Vice President for Safety and Emergency Operations for the University of North Carolina System for the past twelve years; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the System Office he served for twenty-one years as a member of the United States Secret Service, during which time he served our county in a variety of capacities including overseeing the personal protection of several United States Presidents, Vice Presidents, other top government officials, and world leaders; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in public safety by serving for eleven years as a public safety officer and fire fighter with the City of Durham, rising to the rank of Battalion Chief; and

WHEREAS, over the past twelve years, he has transformed the UNC System's approach to public safety, campus policing, and emergency management, building from the ground up a strong system-wide public safety operations and emergency response infrastructure and training program that is a model for institutions of higher education across the nation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he has guided the UNC System's response to incidents ranging from hurricanes, a pandemic, and other natural disasters, to active shooter incidents, to cyber threats, to civil disturbances, and a myriad of other threats to campus safety; and

WHEREAS, through his vision and leadership, a number of ground-breaking initiatives which enhanced and strengthened campus safety operations have been accomplished, including the System's implementation of substantial improvements resulting from two comprehensive reviews of university safety and operations in 2008 and 2013; a campus security fee to support campus law enforcement officers and 911 telecommunicators; system-wide mutual aid agreements for sharing resources and assets during emergency events; policies, training programs, and exercises specifically designed for campus law enforcement and emergency managers; a permanent training presence at the Samarcand Training Academy; the System Office Incident Support Team; the nation's first state-wide Behavioral Threat Assessment Trained Unit, developed in collaboration with the State Bureau of Investigation; and a campus threat information sharing function within the North Carolina Information Sharing and Analysis Center; and

WHEREAS, he has established a bond among campus chiefs of police and emergency managers, advocating tirelessly on their behalf, and ushering in a new era of dignity and professionalism to campus police work; and

WHEREAS, he has been a trusted advisor to the Board of Governors, University System presidents, including President Bowles, President *Emeritus* Ross, Interim President Gonzales, President *Emerita* Spellings, Interim President Roper, and President Hans, and chancellors, senior staff, and campus personnel across the UNC system; and

WHEREAS, he has forged strong relationships with state and federal partners and leveraged these relationships to the benefit of the UNC system and its 17 institutions; and


WHEREAS, he has mentored countless campus law enforcement officers, emergency managers, and other university personnel, demonstrating the highest ideals of personal integrity and commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, he will conclude his service as Senior Associate Vice President for Safety and Emergency Operations for the University of North Carolina System at the end of December 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Brent T. Herron for his outstanding service, unwavering dedication to the mission of the University, tireless service, visionary leadership, and loyal friendship, and wishes him all the best in his well-earned and richly deserved retirement.

This the 17th day of December 2020.

Randall C. Ramsey
Chair, UNC Board of Governors


Pearl Burris-Floyd
Secretary, UNC Board of Governors