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### **GOVERNOR McCrORY PRESENTS MIKE HERRING WITH PRESTIGIOUS ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE AWARD**

RALEIGH – Michael C. Herring, retiring Chief Administrator of the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, this week received North Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Gov. Pat McCrory presented Herring with the award December 2 in a ceremony before ABC Commission staff and honored guests.

"Mike's legacy will be the ethical and efficient way he operated the ABC Commission," Gov. McCrory said. "He brought a customer-focused attitude to the job every day when he worked with ALE and local board employees to implement alcohol policy. His dedicated service to the people of North Carolina will be missed."

Herring has spent his entire 33-year career at the state agency and has served as Chief Administrator of the NC ABC Commission since 1995. During his tenure, he has played a strong leadership role in shaping many important aspects of alcohol policy that created efficiencies while increasing the Commission's effectiveness with industry and the general public.

"Mike's leadership, character and ability have combined to make the North Carolina ABC Commission a top performing state agency during his long tenure," said NC ABC Commission Chairman Jim Gardner. "I have worked with Mike for the last two years, and while I am sad to see him go, I am confident his legacy of efficient operations and sound processes will benefit the state for years to come."

Robert A. Hamilton is incoming Chief Administrator of the NC ABC Commission. He has served as Deputy Administrator for the Commission since 2012.

#### **ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION**

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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