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## Rowan County Board of Commissioners

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### PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING VERNON WALTERS FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

**WHEREAS**, The Rowan County Board of Commissioners wishes to celebrate outstanding community members and their accomplishments and considers Vernon Walters to be a valued community member worthy of recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernon Walters has committed his life to serving the community in order to help shape the lives of young people in Rowan County and surrounding areas and has worked to increase the services and continuum of care provided to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernon Walters has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Children's Home, the Executive Director of Sipe's Orchard Home for Boys, and most recently was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Nazareth Child and Family Connection, based in Rockwell, North Carolina, for twenty-four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernon Walters has provided the leadership to include Residential Level II services, Day Treatment services, and Mental Health and Substance Abuse counseling in the agency's array of services and has opened locations in Salisbury, Albemarle, and Lexington, and established the infrastructure needed to ensure Nazareth obtained and maintains accreditation through the Council on Accreditation; and

**WHEREAS**, Nazareth Child and Family Connection was founded in 1906 and currently provides for forty to fifty residents at any given time, sheltering young people, teaching life skills, and helping youth to develop into successful contributing members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission statement of Nazareth Child and Family Connection is "to provide the highest quality of services with a commitment to excellence while empowering youth and families in developing solutions that ensure successful outcomes," and Vernon Walters wholly embodies that mission.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners recognizes the outstanding community service provided by Vernon Walters throughout his career, not only in Rowan County but across the State of North Carolina, and urges all citizens to join in congratulating Vernon Walters on an outstanding career with Nazareth Child and Family Connection. Your work is appreciated by the community, and the Board of Commissioners thanks you for your dedicated service and wishes you a joyful retirement.

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

ATTEST:

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Gregory C. Edds, Chairman  
Rowan County Commissioners

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Sarah Pack, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board