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(Press Release: North Carolina Governor's Office)

RALEIGH, N.C. – Governor Pat McCrory presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to C. Neal Alexander, Jr. during a surprise ceremony on Aug. 31. Alexander recently announced he was stepping down as State Human Resources Director to pursue become the interim dean of the Godbold School of Business at Gardner-Webb University.

Gov. Pat McCrory, Neal
Alexander

“I cannot say enough about Neal Alexander’s efforts to attract the best talent to work in state government,” Governor McCrory said. “Under his leadership, we have not only modernized the Human Resources system, but have helped save taxpayers millions of dollars.”

Over the last three and a half years, Alexander led improvements to shorten the time to resolve employee grievances, to implement the NC VIP performance management program and prepare for the implementation of the Statewide Compensation System.

Additionally, employee safety has improved since 2013, with the number of new cases and injuries down 20 percent and worker’s compensation costs on the decline.