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SECU Members Help Honor State Government Employees with Awards Ceremony Sponsorship

Raleigh, N.C. – In a special ceremony hosted by the Office of State Human Resources and sponsored by the member-funded SECU Foundation, 12 individuals were honored for their outstanding accomplishments and dedicated service to the state and citizens of North Carolina. The distinguished recipients were presented with the highest privilege that can be bestowed upon a state employee – the Governor’s Awards for Excellence. Officials from State Employees’ Credit Union (SECU) and the Foundation were on hand for the ceremony, including SECU Foundation Board Chair Cynthia Jolly who welcomed guests to the event held at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh.



Award recipients with Governor Roy Cooper (first row, middle) flanked by Barbara Gibson, Office of State Human Resources Director (left) and Cynthia Jolly, SECU Foundation Board Chair (right).

Ms. Jolly noted, “North Carolina’s State Government employees are invaluable. In their roles as public servants, they display passion and outstanding commitment to others – true examples of the ‘People Helping People®’ philosophy of the Credit Union and the SECU Foundation. SECU members are proud to sponsor the awards and convey their genuine support and recognition for the contributions made to the people and communities of our state.”

“These state employees put the wellbeing of others first, created solutions to lingering problems, and improved the experiences of those around them,” Governor Roy Cooper said. “Today’s honorees have made a positive and lasting difference for our state and we’re grateful for their service.”

Recipients of the 2017 Governor’s Awards for Excellence were presented Awards in one of the following categories: Customer Service, Efficiency & Innovation, Human Relations, Outstanding State Government Service, Public Service, and Safety and Heroism. Honorees included:

Customer Service – Noelle Ocon (Department of Natural and Cultural Resources/North Carolina Museum of Art); **Efficiency & Innovation** – John Woodlock (Department of Public Safety); **Human Relations** – Joe Bright (Department of Public Safety); **Outstanding State Government Service** – Allan Buchanan (Department of Insurance); **Public Service** – Dr. Michelle Skipper (East Carolina University), Larry Williams, (Office of Administrative Hearings); **Safety & Heroism** – Patrick Browne (Wildlife Resources Commission), Bradley Garman (Department of Public Safety), Cindi Hamilton (Department of Environmental Quality), Charles Daniel Roper (Department of Public Safety, NC National Guard), Dean Roscoe (Department of Transportation), Robert Shook (Department of Public Safety, NC National Guard).

About SECU and the SECU Foundation

A not-for-profit financial cooperative owned by its members, SECU has been providing employees of the State of North Carolina and their families with consumer financial services for 80 years. The Credit Union also offers a diversified line of financial advisory services including retirement and education planning, tax preparation, insurance, trust and estate planning services, and investments through its partners and affiliated entities. SECU serves 2.2 million members through 261 branch offices, nearly 1,100 ATMs, 24/7 Member Services via phone and a website, www.ncsecu.org. The SECU Foundation, a 501c (3) charitable organization funded solely by the contributions of SECU members, promotes local community development in North Carolina primarily through high impact projects in the areas of housing, education, healthcare and human services. Since 2004, SECU Foundation has made a collective financial commitment of more than \$130 million for initiatives to benefit North Carolinians statewide.