

**Sallie Surface retires after 38-year service with CADA**  
***Martin County Commissioners declare August 22 as Sallie Surface Day***

In honor of the nearly four decades of extraordinary service to the families of eastern North Carolina, the Martin County Commissioners approved a resolution in recognition of Sallie Surface and declaring Aug. 22 as Sallie Surface Day in Martin County. The resolution paid tribute to Ms. Surface's tireless leadership, expansion of CADA's economic development role, commitment to public service, and the respect that she earned from local, state, and national leaders.

"Therefore, be it resolved that Martin County Board of Commissioners expresses its deepest appreciation for the outstanding contributions by declaring August 22, 2021 "Mrs. Sallie Surface Day"; and extends its best wishes as she approaches her well-earned retirement."

During its June meeting, Martin County Commission Vice Chairman Dempsey Bond, Jr. made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner David "Skip" Gurganus offered a second.

It was unanimously approved. Read the resolution in its entirety [HERE](#).

**New CADA Director**

Chris Moody has been named CADA's executive director. Chris joined CADA in 2006 as a development specialist and has also served as the agency's male involvement coordinator. He is a graduate of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

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In retirement, Ms. Surface plans to spend time with her children, grandchildren, siblings and extended family and friends. "Affordable housing has always been my passion, and I will continue to advocate for increased affordable housing options," she said.

