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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Lorie Horne named Director of Henderson County Social Services HC-2024-16**

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The Henderson County Department of Social Services Board is pleased to announce the promotion of Lorie Horne to Director of Social Services. Horne will replace Jerrie McFalls who is retiring on August 1, 2024, as Director after serving in Henderson County DSS for over 44 years.

"I am excited that Lorie will be the new DSS Director,' said Social Services Board Chairman Joshua Simpson. "Her leadership has been an asset to DSS over the past 11 years. Lorie has worked tirelessly to serve Henderson County families and provide care for our residents. I look forward to the continued success under Lorie's leadership."

Horne has over 34 years of DSS experience, specifically in Social Work. She has been with Henderson County for the past 11 years, serving currently as Deputy Director.

"Henderson County DSS has been a very welcoming and rewarding place to work since I arrived in 2013," said Horne, "and I have received the very best guidance and leadership from Director Jerrie McFalls. I am deeply honored that the Henderson County Department of Social Services Board has offered me the opportunity to lead this department, and I look forward to serving the dedicated staff of DSS and the Henderson County community."

Horne holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Gardner-Webb University. Her first day as Director will be August 1, 2024.

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