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Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce President announces retirement Leo Corbin will retire from President's post in March

GREENVILLE, NC – Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Leo Corbin has announced his retirement from the position, effective March 1, 2019. After serving as interim president for two months, Corbin was named president of the organization in August 2016.

Prior to being named president of the Chamber, Corbin served as the human resources director at Domtar before retiring in 2014. He started his career with Procter and Gamble in Greenville in 1976, serving in numerous aspects of the company, including: quality, logistics, finance, and accounting. Corbin's volunteer involvement with the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce dates back to the late 1970's and over the years, he has served in various leadership capacities including Chairman of the Board in 2015.

"It has been an absolute honor and a pleasure to serve our community through the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce, said Corbin. "Serving as president of the Chamber has been a rewarding experience and a highlight of my professional career. Through the Chamber's continued focus on Business Success, Strategic Economic Growth and Community Development, your Chamber is uniquely positioned to provide strong leadership for years to come. I want to thank the great Boards of Directors, committed volunteers, dedicated staff and engaged membership base for allowing me to be a part of the advancement of our community, region and state."

Under Corbin's leadership, the Chamber effectively carried out its three-year strategic plan that began in 2016 and maintained its status as the only five-star accredited Chamber in North Carolina. In addition to his role as Chamber president for the past two and a half years, Corbin also served on the boards of various community organizations, including: Uptown Greenville, Pitt County Committee of 100, Parents for Public Schools-Pitt County, and Pitt County Educational Foundation.

The Chamber's Board of Directors approved Kate Teel, vice president of the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce, as Corbin's successor during its December 2018 board meeting. Teel will begin her role as Chamber president on March 1, 2019.

"I love this community, eastern North Carolina and the Chamber," said Teel. "I am passionate about what I do and it is an absolute honor and privilege to serve in this new role. The success of our Chamber is a direct result of the tremendous leadership Leo has provided and I look forward to following in his footsteps."

The Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce is the recognized leader for business success, strategic economic growth, and community development. For more information about the Chamber, visit <u>www.greenvillenc.org</u> or call (252) 752-4101.