



## Certificate of Commendation

Presented to

### Shenandoah County Government Employees

The Shenandoah Forum, started in 2001, is a nonprofit organization based in Shenandoah County. Our mission is to advocate protection of our county's rural character, promote a sustainable economy and high quality of life for residents, and foster an informed and involved citizenry in local decision-making.

Based on our experiences and observations over the last decade, the Shenandoah Forum Board of Directors hereby recognizes and commends the dedication, professionalism, and public service commitment of our county's public service employees.

From the county administrator to the staff who maintain the public spaces, they perform hundreds of tasks on a daily basis that are virtually invisible but essential to our collective well-being. Some citizens may have only limited direct contact with county staff, others may see them daily, and still others may only know they exist when they get their property tax bill in the mail. Whether our contact is through information found on the county website, a tax notice in the mail, taking trash to the landfill, getting emergency assistance from law enforcement or fire and rescue staff, having a child taught in school, looking for a lost pet, checking out a library book, visiting the park, seeking agricultural advice, getting water and sewer service, obtaining help for starting or expanding a business, benefitting from tourism promotion activities, getting access to social service programs, to name just a few of the many services our county provides, our county employees carry out these functions efficiently, without fanfare, and, when in-person, with a friendly smile. They deserve our utmost respect and appreciation for the services they provide and the manner they perform them.

The Shenandoah Forum Board of Directors commends the Shenandoah County Government employees for their ongoing professionalism, commitment to quality, and friendly and timely public service, particularly in these challenging times. We very much appreciate their knowledge and skills, dedication and recognize their on-going hard work. We wish we could personally reward each of them, but hope they will accept our deepest appreciation for their good jobs, done well!

**Presented by the Shenandoah Forum Board of Directors**

**At the June 13, 2017 meeting of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors**