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PRESS RELEASE

Sullivan County Celebrates

4th Annual Employee Service Awards &

3rd Year Outstanding Community Partner Award Presentation

November 16, 2020, Claremont NH: Although Sullivan County was unable to hold its annual awards banquet to celebrate employees reaching milestone anniversaries as well as the 2020 Outstanding Community Partner Award, we are pleased to announce those recipients and recognize their achievements.

This year's milestone anniversary employees are listed at the end of this release. We are incredibly fortunate to have dedicated staff members who have served Sullivan County for many years. The number of those with over 20 years of service is truly amazing. The Board of Commissioners and staff wish to thank them all for their continued commitment especially in light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The County is also pleased to award the third annual Outstanding Community Partner Award to Cole-TAC, LLC. Cole-TAC is owned by Dustin and Liene Coleman and their company is a homegrown success story. They manufacture outdoor gear and tactical accessories and, in their own words, "*serious gear for serious shooters.*" Cole-TAC was formed just 5 years ago in Dustin and Liene's basement as a part-time hobby...which grew into their garage, then a separate shop in Unity, and they recently completed a move to downtown Newport due to their continued growth and expansion.

But Cole-TAC did not earn this award because they are a fast-growing company. They earned it because of their flexibility and support for the County in the early days of the COVID-19 response. The County was unable to source any personal protective equipment (PPE)—it was simply unavailable. Cole-TAC stepped up and offered to interrupt their own production line to fabricate gowns for the nursing staff at Sullivan County Health Care. They responded quickly with high-quality gowns and alleviated a major concern for the County at a critical time. To have this capability literally just down the road was an added bonus.

Cole-TAC's story is a familiar narrative in Sullivan County. The combination of innovation, ingenuity, and hard work have been a hallmark of the manufacturing industry in our region for many decades.

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According to Jeff Barrette, Chair of the Board of Commissioners, the decision to recognize Cole-TAC was an easy one. *“Dustin and Liene bailed us out when our backs were up against the wall. The thought of facing COVID without the ability to provide PPE to our staff was unpleasant to say the least. National supply chains were completely overwhelmed. And then, right in our backyard, we suddenly have a reliable source for gowns? It was too good to be true.”*

The milestone anniversary employees listed below were honored with a certificate and gift card to a local restaurant of their choice. The distinction of being the longest tenured employee goes to Melissa Dube as she celebrated her 48th year with Sullivan County in the Sullivan County Health (SCHC) Activities Department!

The full list of award recipients is as follows:

5 years: Jody Seymour, *SCHC*, Kayla Pratt, *SCHC*; David Berry, *Department of Corrections (DOC)*, Lisa Stringer, *SCHC*; Rebecca Dupont, *SCHC*; Heidi Dowlin, *SCHC*; and Michelle Asanowicz, *Registry of Deeds*.

10 years: Paula Chandler, *SCHC*, and Steve Arsenault, *Facilities*.

15 years: Denis O’Sullivan, *Sheriff’s Office*; Bradley Bennett, *Facilities*; Brenda Warner, *SCHC*, and, Tamara Smith, *SCHC*

20 years: Sharon Callum, *Commissioners Office*, and Trista Watts, *SCHC*.

20+years: Lisa Skowfoe, *SCHC*; Cecile Currier, *SCHC*; Heather Matuszewski, *SCHC*; Terri Davis, *SCHC*; Ronald Nelson, *Sheriff’s Office*; Sybil McClay, *SCHC*; Melanie O’Sullivan, *Attorney’s Office*; Clint Schultz, *SCHC*; Brenda Seymour, *SCHC*; Doug Roberts, *DOC*; Bonnie Heino, *SCHC*; John Milliken, *DOC*; and Tammy Belletsky, *SCHC*.

30+ years: Ann LeClair, *SCHC*; Renee St. Sauveur, *SCHC*; Marc Hathaway, *Attorney*; Robert Courtemanche, *SCHC*; Lori Jean Keefe, *DOC*; Allan Pelletier, *SCHC*; Dodi Violette, *Commissioners*; and Cindy Columbia, *SCHC*.

48 Years of Service: Melissa Dube, *SCHC*

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