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**Share!** #Durham Mayor Bill Bell named to prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine

### **NC Governor Pat McCrory Honors Durham Mayor Bill Bell**

*Bell Named to Prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine*

DURHAM, N.C. – City of Durham [Mayor William V. “Bill” Bell](#) was named to [The Order of the Long Leaf Pine](#) last night at a ceremony held during the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Legislative Awards Dinner of the [N.C. Metropolitan Mayors Coalition](#).

Considered among the highest honors the Governor can confer, the award recognizes citizens for their exemplary service and outstanding contribution to North Carolina. Other recipients have included Andy Griffith, Bill Friday, Reverend Billy Graham, and Michael Jordan.

City of Raleigh [Mayor Nancy McFarlane](#) presented the award to Mayor Bell, who was recognized for his decades of service to the Durham community as well as his statewide and national leadership.

For further information about [The Order of the Long Leaf Pine](#), contact [The Office of the Governor](#), or visit The Long Leaf Pine Society [website](#).

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