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RESOLUTION NO. 20-2021

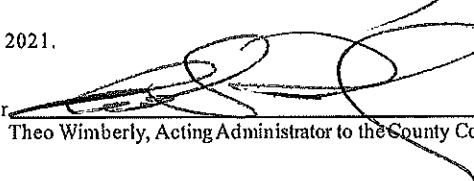
Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Cherron L. Blakely, to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

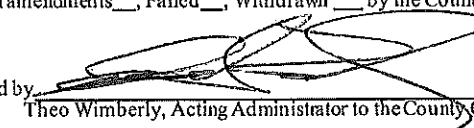
Introduced and read first time on February 3, 2021.

By order 
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on February 16, 2021.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on March 1, 2021.

Certified by 
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator to the County Council

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Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7pm – Council Public Hearing (VIRTUAL). Nominees are REQUIRED to participate and testify (up to 3 minutes) on why they would like to serve.

Nominee Statement: Dr. Cherron L. Blakely

Good day to the chair and members of the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military families. I am Cherron Blakely, a resident of Howard County for 9 years, a U.S. Army Veteran, and career federal employee.

I was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1992. I served for several years, as an enlisted soldier, stationed in Seoul, Korea and Fort Hood, Texas. I attended college on a U.S. Army ROTC scholarship through the Green-to-Gold program and later returned to active duty as a commissioned officer. I served as a Medical Service Corps Officer for seven years while stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center before leaving active duty in 2006. After military service, I continued to serve Veterans by working at various VA Medical Centers and the VA Central Office in Washington, DC. I currently work as an Associate Director in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health at the Food & Drug Administration (FDA). My lifelong public service is the reason that I appear before you today to ask to serve the Veterans and Military Families of Howard County.

In that spirit, I thank you for the opportunity to testify before the Commission.

My past experience of active duty service and later both an employee and patient of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has afforded me an expanded network of military service members and Veterans in Maryland and around the globe. I would like to serve the Veterans and Military Families of Howard County through disseminating key information, participating in events that impact our Veterans and Military Families, represent, and communicate on the behalf of our Howard County contingent to the extent that I can aide in helping to meet their needs.

I humbly ask the Commission to accept my nomination to serve our County's Veterans and Military Families.

To close, I would like to reiterate my lifelong service to the Public and our Federal Government and my willingness to leverage my experience and expanded network to assist with meeting the needs and provide information to our residents. Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration.

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Sayers, Margery

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Ms. Sayers,

My apologies – I am watching tonight's County Council meeting, but I was not aware of the "sign-up to testify 24 hrs in advance" requirement.

Dr. Cherron Blakely is a candidate to serve as a Commissioner for the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families – as the Commission Chair, I strongly recommend the council approve this nomination!

Greg

J. Greg Jolissaint, MD
Colonel, Medical Corps, US Army (Retired)
Commissioner and Chair
Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families

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Attached please find my written testimony given this evening.

Best,
Cherron

Dr. Cherron "Lu" Blakely
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Executive Appointment

Whereas... The Howard County Executive reposes special trust and confidence in the ability and character of Dr. Cherron L. Blakely; and

Whereas... by its Resolution No. CR20-2021 dated March 1, 2021 the County Council did advise and consent to this appointment.

Now therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 6.300 of the Howard County Code and Section 404 of the Howard County Charter, I hereby appoint

Dr. Cherron L. Blakely

A Member of the

**Howard County Commission for Veterans &
Military Families**

This APPOINTMENT shall become effective
as of March 1, 2021 and shall extend to March 1, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand
and affixed the seal of Howard County, Maryland,
on this 1st day of March 2021.

Calvin Ball
Howard County Executive

