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### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE EVENT PLANNED FOR FALLEN TROOPER SAMUEL NEWTON BULLARD**

DOBSON – On Saturday, August 24, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., the Surry County Commissioners in conjunction with the Surry County Sheriff's Office and numerous other local and state first responders will host a Celebration of Life event in memory of fallen North Carolina State Highway Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard on the Surry County Historic Courthouse Square in Dobson, NC.

The event will include the reading of a proclamation by the Surry County Commissioners designating Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard Day in Surry and surrounding counties along with the ceremonial unveiling of Trooper Bullard's name which was recently added to the Surry County Law Enforcement Officers memorial monument. Trooper Bullard's family members will be there to cut the unveiling ribbon.

Two courthouse corner streets will also be blocked off to allow numerous local and state first responders to set up and display emergency vehicles and equipment for up-close viewing. Emergency response personnel will also be on hand to provide those in attendance with information about their agencies and equipment.

Trooper Bullard was born on August 24, 1993. He graduated from the 138<sup>th</sup> North Carolina State Highway Patrol Basic School on January 22, 2016. After graduation he was assigned to Surry County where for the next 28 months he worked to reduce collisions and make the roadways of Surry County and other areas of North Carolina safer for the motoring public.

On May 21, 2018, Trooper Bullard engaged in a vehicle pursuit in Surry County which lead into Yadkin County. While in Yadkin County Trooper Bullard was involved in a vehicle collision resulting in the loss of his life.

This is a child friendly event. There will be numerous things for all ages to view, interact with and learn. School age children should also come prepared to get wet while visiting the adjacent Dobson splash pad.

This is a multiple county event. It all begins at 9:00 a.m. and lasts until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Trooper Bullard together.