
JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 1, 2025

Dear Chamber family,

We would like to let you know that today, (Thursday, May 1) we submitted our letters of resignation to the Board of Directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. We plan to continue working full-time through the July 4, 2025 Fireworks Festivities in Sylva.

It is extremely emotional for both of us to think about leaving our beloved positions here, but equally exciting to begin our next journey together.

It has been our sincere honor and pleasure to lead this chamber for the past 26 years for Julie and 11 years for Kelly. The things our chamber and community have accomplished through challenging times is simply incredible. We're proud of what we are leaving behind and excited to see what its future holds.

Please rest assured, our Board of Directors have already formed a search committee to find our next Executive Director. The job will be posted on our website at www.mountainlovers.com very soon, as well as with other regional, state and national organizations and job boards. We both plan to offer our full assistance in bringing the new Executive Director up to speed so they can continue to lead this chamber to its full potential going forward. In the meantime, our staff will remain dedicated to providing the professional assistance and service that you and our community are accustomed to. It is our sincere goal to make this transition without a hiccup in leadership. Please continue to support our fantastic chamber.

We have attached our heartfelt letters of resignation below for you to read if you'd like. We both plan to stay in the area and look forward to seeing you all in the community for many years to come. It's certainly not goodbye, it's simply see you later. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your journey!

Sincerely yours,

Julie Spiro Donaldson

Executive Director

Kelly Donaldson

Assistant Director