



***“I’ll Never Forget The Day Script”***

**Program Opener**

**Commissioner Laura Semanson**

“I’ll never forget the day we made the decision to declare a state of emergency for the first time in county history, and how careful we wanted to be to reassure the public with a unified message.”

**Chris Grimes, Forsyth County’s Emergency Management Director**

“I will never forget the day when we implemented response plans that we had but hoped to never use.”

**Board of Education Chair, Kristin Morrissey**

“I will never forget April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 when the Governor made the announcement that all schools in the State of Georgia would remain closed for the rest of the year. But it was no April Fool’s joke.”

**Carolyn Booker, Northside Forsyth’s Chief Nursing Officer**

“I’ll never forget March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:59 AM. I was notified of our first patient coming into our emergency room with symptoms of Covid-19.”

**Sheriff Ron Freeman**

“I will never forget the challenge of easing the fear of the pandemic and lockdowns while ensuring our citizens we were going to protect their freedoms.”

**Rep. Sheri Gilligan**

“I will never forget just how wonderful it is to be blessed to live in the state of Georgia and the county of Forsyth as we all came together to battle this pandemic.”

**Fire Chief Barry Head**

“I will never forget the day when we had to close our fire stations to the public. While necessary to protect our essential employees, it was not something we looked forward to doing.”

**Superior Court Judge Jeff Bagley**

“I will never forget the day when I had to conduct my first video conferenced hearing.”



**Mandi Holcombe, Local Church Pastor**

“I will never forget Wednesday, March 11th, 2020, when my Dad was hospitalized with Covid-19; three weeks later we said our goodbyes via FaceTime before he passed away on Saturday, April 4th.”

**Anna Grace Cheatham, High School Senior**

“I will never forget the day, Friday, March 13, when my senior year came to an unexpected end.”

**Mayor Troy Brumbalow**

“I will never forget the day when I drove around Forsyth County and the traffic was like it was 40 years ago.”

**James McCoy, Chamber President**

“I will never forget the day when I received a call from the President of one of our larger manufacturing companies who asked me to help him in trying to understand if his company was considered essential.”

**Chris Emmitt, Local Church Senior Pastor**

“I will never forget the day when church moved from face-to-face to Zoom-to-Zoom.”

**Victoria Ray, FullCircle Director**

“I will never forget that day that I could not attend my weekly twelve step AA meetings and connect with my support group of those also in long-term recovery.”

**Ruth Goode, United Way Executive Director**

“I will never forget the day, Monday, March 16th when 21 food pantries came together to coordinate a county-wide food distribution effort.”