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**EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Executive Directors, DSN Boards

FROM: Harley T. Davis, Ph.D.  
Chief Administrative Officer

P.J. Perea  
Public Information Director

DATE: December 21, 2022

RE: Call for Nominations – 2022 Silver Palmetto Award

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The South Carolina (SC) Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2022 Silver Palmetto Award, which honors a municipality in SC that provides exceptional support to those providing services to individuals with disabilities and special needs.

City and town governments support services in many ways, including provision of employment opportunities for persons supported, funding, and assistance with program expansion. Municipalities can also assist with advocacy, education and service enhancement.

Send in your nomination letter describing the outstanding support you have received from your municipality for your board, persons supported, and their families during calendar year 2022. Please include photos, newspaper articles, press releases, television coverage, or any special events with your letter to support your nomination. DDSN will accept and consider all nominations received no later than Friday, January 6, 2023.

A nominating committee will review all entries and select the final winner for approval by the Commission of Disabilities and Special Needs at its January 2023 meeting. In February 2023, a commissioner will present the award at the Municipal Association of South Carolina's Hometown Legislative Action Day.

You can email your nomination to [pacifico.perea@ddsn.sc.gov](mailto:pacifico.perea@ddsn.sc.gov), fax 803.898.9656, or mail to P.J. Perea, 3440 Harden Street Ext., Columbia, SC 29203. Photos and nominations may be accepted in print, jpeg, and/or pdf formats. Please contact P.J. Perea for any questions or concerns.