

Endorsement Letter for
Bruce Benton
2026 Gordon Memorial Award Nominee

I am writing this letter to endorse Mr. Bruce Benton as the Recipient of the Harold R. Gordon Memorial Award for 2026. I have known Bruce for over 20 years as we've served together in many leadership positions.

Twenty years ago in 2006, Bruce served as Region VIII RVP during the same time that I served as RVP in Region VII. We sat side by side in many leadership meetings discussing ideas and goals for each of our regions. He has a great ability to understand the needs and how to get things done. His dedication and passion for this association are unparalleled. He has always been committed to the work as a leader and rolls his sleeves up when a task is before him. For over 25 years Bruce has served on local, state, regional and national boards. In 2013 served as the National President giving much time and energy to the advancement of our association. Even after his service on the Executive Committee, Bruce continues to serve on the NABIP Governance Committee as the chair for the past few years.

Bruce has always had a love for this association and has always accepted the call when asked to serve. As I have walked and talked with many Gordon winners over the past 20+ years, I feel Bruce is past due to receiving this prestigious award. It is my honor to recommend Bruce Benton as the 2026 Gordon Memorial recipient.

Most Sincerely,

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NAHU/NABIP President 2014-2015
Gordon Memorial Award Recipient 2019