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COMMISSIONER BUTLER APPOINTED TO STATE TASK FORCE

NEWTON, NC – Catawba County Commissioner Sherry Butler has been appointed to serve on the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force (JWTF) as a county commissioner. Butler’s term begins immediately and will expire June 30, 2019.

The Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force provides statewide leadership for the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease. Considered a national model of an effective legislative task force, the JWTF partners with legislators, health care providers, community leaders and other key stakeholders to develop a profile of the burden of heart disease and stroke in North Carolina; to publicize that burden and its preventability; and to develop a comprehensive statewide plan to prevent heart disease and stroke.

The 27-member task force includes six legislators, health professionals, survivors, members of volunteer and governmental organizations, one business leader, one news director, and three appointees from within the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Members of the task force are appointed by the North Carolina Governor and the North Carolina General Assembly with recommendations from the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

“I am honored and humbled by the appointment to serve on the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force,” said Commissioner Butler. “This particular task force is near and dear to my heart, because my husband passed away at the age of 55 due to complications from an enlarged heart. The opportunity to be involved in helping eliminate the burden of heart disease for others is very inspiring to me.”

For more information about the JWTF and its “Start with Your Heart” campaign, visit www.startwithyourheart.com.

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