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## **Chairman Edge Selected for County Leadership Institute in Washington, DC**

FAYETTEVILLE - The National Association of Counties has announced the selection of Kenneth Edge, Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, as one of 22 county leaders from across the United States to participate in the eighth annual County Leadership Institute, a rigorous four-day program offered in partnership with Cambridge Leadership Associates.

Chairman Edge will take part in the program at IBM's Institute for Electronic Government in Washington, D.C., from June 5 to 9.

"The county officials who participate in the institute get information, ideas, and perspectives they can't get anywhere else," said Larry Naake, executive director of NACo. These county leaders not only discuss the core principles of public service leadership with prominent experts, they also collaborate intensively with each other to develop new ways to attack real-life issues of importance to the citizens of their counties.

"I'm honored to be selected to participate in the County Leadership Institute," Edge said. "I hope to bring back innovative solutions and best practices that can be implemented here in Cumberland County."

The institute has graduated 165 members from 40 states and 138 counties across the country. Known for enhancing the capacity of county officials to identify and implement innovative solutions to the complex challenges facing county government in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, this year's program will focus closely on the demands of personal leadership in a new era of government.

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