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## Governor Appoints Health Director To Statewide Task Force

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Department of Public Health Director Buck Wilson has been appointed by Gov. Pat McCrory to serve as a member of the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force. The term began upon the governor's appointment on Sept. 9 and expires in 2015.

The Child Fatality Task Force is a legislative study commission which makes recommendations to the General Assembly and the governor for their consideration. Over the past 20 years, the recommendations made by the task force that have become law have contributed to an estimated 9,000 more children living to adulthood. Their recommendations are also credited with cutting the caseloads for Child Protective Services across the state by a third since 1991.

“It is a privilege to be appointed to the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force by Gov. McCrory to work to increase awareness and identify prevention measures to reduce the incidence of childhood deaths,” Wilson said.

In January, Wilson was named North Carolina Health Director of the Year by the N.C. Association of Local Health Directors. Wilson has been Cumberland County's health director since 2009.

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